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# Seasider Men Continue Winning, Rise in Rankings

SPORTS

**T**he BYU-Hawaii men's basketball team moved into the eighth spot in the latest Division II poll of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, released Tuesday. The Seasiders rose one spot from the previous poll after winning three games last week to improve their record to 9-1.

BYUH needed a last minute rally to finish off UH-Hilo in the conference opener last Tuesday. Despite leading nearly the entire game, the Seasiders found themselves down 91-88 with just 1:28 to play. BYUH sandwiched a Lucas Alves block with a couple of baskets to take the lead, 92-91, and senior Jermaine Odjegba finished the game with two free throws after pulling down a crucial rebound with 1.4 seconds remaining in the game to seal the win.

Alves, junior in exercise and sports science from Brazil, was held scoreless in the first half, but finished with 13 points, two assists and three blocks. Odjegba, senior in international business management from Florida, had 16 points, four assists one block along with a steal. Nathan Sims, who garnered Pacific West Conference Player of the Week honors for his play the previous week led the Seasiders in points, with 20, and rebounds, with nine. Sims, senior in history from California, added two assists, a block and two steals for the night.

The Seasiders followed with another victory over the Vulcans on Wednesday night, this time dominating the non-conference game from start to finish. BYUH was on fire in the first half, shooting 58.8 percent from the field to take a 50-33 lead into the half.

The Seasiders coasted in the second half, main-

taining a double-digit lead throughout for an 83-69 win.

Alves didn't wait for the second half to get started in this one, scoring 17 of his game-high 26 points in the first period on 7-8 shooting from the field. Sims joined Alves as the only other Seasider to score in double figures, with 13 points. The Seasiders were directed offensively by Virgil Buensuceso, junior in pre-med from California, who dished out eight assists on the night.

BYUH closed out the week with their second conference victory, this time over the Sea Warriors of Hawaii Pacific, 93-71. Again the Seasiders came out strong, shooting 68.6 percent from the field in the first half for a 60-30 lead at the break. BYUH also dominated on the boards, almost doubling the Sea Warriors, 42-24 for the game. The Seasiders were effective in distributing the ball offensively; six players wearing the crimson, gold and gray finished with double-digits in scoring.

Winning three more games this past week against UH-Hilo, BYU-Hawaii's mens basketball jumps up a spot to number eight on the NCAA Division II coaches' poll. Their record is now 9-1.

Buensuceso and Trenson Akana, senior in exercise and sports science from Moloka'i, led BYUH with 16 points apiece while Marques Whippy, sophomore in international business management from Fiji, cashed in on a double-double, scoring 12 points and pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds.

The Seasiders were ranked as high as sixth in the national Division II poll during the winter break before a loss to the Washburn (KS) Ichabods dropped them to the twelfth spot. Six straight wins have put BYUH back into the top ten and they continue with conference play this week with an away game against Chaminade on Thursday night and a home game versus Notre Dame de Namur on Saturday. Both games start at 7:30 pm with the Chaminade game to be aired on local sports channel OC 16.

— SAM AKINAKA

## Slater wins Pipeline Masters



**Above:** Two of the sports greatest champions, Kelly Slater (L) and Gerry Lopez (R), on the award's stage at the Billabong Pipeline Masters.

**K**elly Slater rolled into to Oahu's Pipeline shores to take control of the surf competition—Billabong Pipeline Masters. Slater's win was his sixth out of an 11 event ASP tour for 2008.

Slater also held the highlight of heats during the semi-finals against Timmy Reyes (USA). Reyes, known around the world for his expertise in riding barrel waves, emerged with a 9.10 during the last six minutes of the competition. It seemed to be the inevitable win for Reyes. However, Slater took the competition by scoring a 9.00 and a 10.00 in a space of three minutes.

Slater has won 9 ASP world titles for himself. This is also his sixth time taking home the Pipeline trophy. This year Gerry Lopez designed the trophy in the shape of a surfboard.

Slater has earned the right to be in the finals 10 out of 17 times in Pipeline. The last time Slater won the competition was in 1999. Slater also won Pipeline in 1992, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Slater, matched up with Chris Ward (USA) on the final day. He paddled out ten times to beat Ward 14.00 and 7.23 in the first final. However, Slater's other heats before the final totaled scores 19.00, 18.63 and 19.40.

Had Ward won Pipeline Masters, he would have taken the entire Vans Triple Crown title for the season. However, due to a second place finish, Ward took third place in the end. Australia's Joel Parkinson took the title. Parkinson held honors for riding a perfect 20.00 score at Pipeline, the second ever recorded with two wave scoring.

The end of the Triple Crown also helped set the rankings of the ASP World Tour for 2009. Kelly Slater will come next year ranked first, expected to continue his streak.

— BEN BUTTARS





**LEFT: Daniel Scott** is a new professor in biology this semester. He and his wife are from Sacramento, California. He completed courses for his undergraduate at Ricks College, as well as here at BYU Hawaii, and studied at UC Davis to get a doctorate degree in chemistry. Although he has taught previously, as a graduate student as well as for part-time night classes, this is his first full-time teaching position.

Professor Scott is new to the faculty but not the island. He and his family have been living in Kaneohe for two years as he has been doing postdoctoral research at the University of Hawaii.

Scott and his family think of Hawaii as "a place of destiny." They have been pleasantly surprised by the amount of friends and friends for their children they have met in the last two years. He said, "the decision to be here was one of prayer and we feel that it is such an honor to be here."

**RIGHT: Cary Wasden**, new professor of finance and economics, is from Seattle Washington. Since moving to the island, he said he has encountered some surprises, "The biggest: the centipedes. It seems like an Indiana Jones movie!"

Professor Wasden went to school at BYU Provo for his bachelor's and master's degrees and then to Ohio State University for his doctoral dissertation. He was on his way to a teaching position at BYU Idaho when he heard there was a need for professors here.

"I have been shocked at the quality of students here. They are great. They are determined and willing to study hard. I am also surprised at the countries represented by the student body. We have students from Mongolia, India, China, Korea and many others. There is a real sense that the future of the church is being developed here. Having traveled to most of the countries represented by the student body, I am certain that the impact these students make on their home countries will be meaningful. I am honored to be part of it," he said.



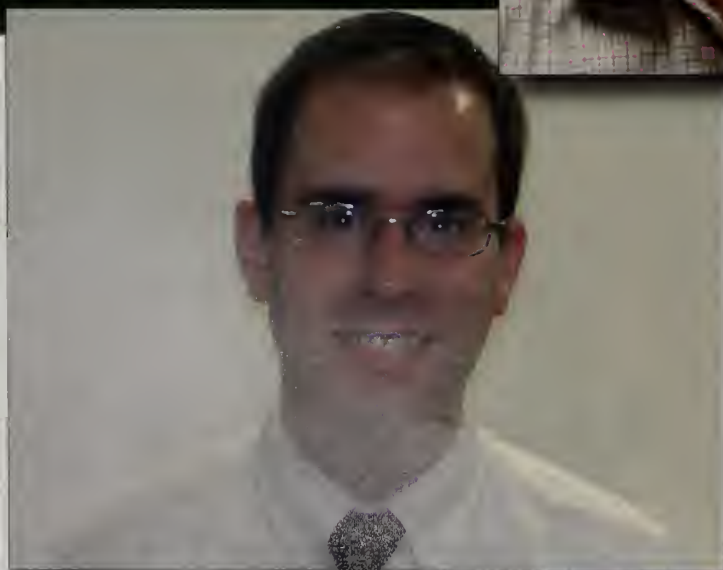
**ABOVE: Gregory Clark** is swapping desks with the English department chair, Ned Williams, for the winter and spring semesters. He is from Provo and went to BYU as an undergraduate and then later for an master's degree – both in English. Later, he returned to school in New York for a doctorate degree in rhetoric and communication from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He describes the beginning of his teaching career as, "an accident," he says, "my wife, Linda, and I moved to American Samoa where she was going to teach English at Samoana High School. They told me they wanted me to teach too. So I began teaching English there, liked it, and after two years I returned to BYU for graduate school."

He has also taught at Snow College and, after receiving his Ph.D. was hired to teach in the English department at BYU in Provo.

He has directed the English composition program, the American studies program, has been English department chair, and is now associate dean of the College of Humanities. "This is a change for me to get back to more teaching and have a break from administration," he said.

The English departments of BYU Provo and Hawaii often participate in short faculty exchanges. Of adjusting to the exchange, Clark said, "After living in Samoa for two years, cockroaches and rust don't bother us. We're delighted with the friendliness of the community, and liveliness and intelligence of the students, and the familiar comfort of life on the islands."



**LEFT: Geoffrey Draper**, a new professor in computer science, grew up near Detroit, Michigan. He completed his bachelor's and master's degrees at BYU Provo and his PhD at the University of Utah.

He taught classes as a graduate student at the University of Utah. He came to BYU Hawaii because he thought of our campus as "the best of both worlds." He says, "it has the gospel-centered environment of a Church-affiliated school, and the perfect weather of a tropical paradise." About moving to Hawaii he said, "I was pleasantly surprised to find that groceries, while more expensive than on the mainland, aren't as expensive as I thought they would be. There were no unpleasant surprises... I just love living here!"







**BELOW: Audrey Thompson** is BYUHSA's new Vice President of clubs and organizations. Thompson is a senior in International Cultural Studies from California, and recently returned from serving a mission in Bolivia. She loves helping people, and after graduating in December, hopes to work with a program for troubled youth. Previous to being part of BYUHSA, Thompson was in the Samoan Club presidency. "Being in a presidency opened my eyes to the way things work from the other side, and I want to help things work for the clubs," Thompson said. With the quick turnaround of presidencies in clubs, training doesn't always get done. Thompson will be implementing some changes regarding Saturday training for club leaders that will help campus events like WorldFest and Foodfest function more smoothly. "There is sometimes miscommunication between clubs and within clubs," she said. "I want it to be comfortable for the clubs to come talk, and be able to make these fun for their members."



If students would like to start a club, they should contact Thompson. They will be required to turn in a club officer registration form, a club constitution and an advisor agreement from a member of BYU-Hawaii faculty or staff. Preparations for the upcoming WorldFest are keeping Thompson busy. WorldFest is taking place this week and she encourages students to participate, join clubs, learn new things and perform in Culture Night this March.

— Alyssa Herzinger



**LEFT: Kirby McMaster**

is a temporary computer and information sciences professor who will be here through the spring. McMaster is from Utah Valley and he received his education from BYU in Provo. He first visited the BYU Hawaii campus after serving his mission in New Zealand. "They didn't want us traveling the world on our way home but we were allowed to spend a day driving out to the school and newly-built PCC," he said of his visit. He taught in New Zealand for ten years as well as holding a position at Weber State, where he retired. "I heard from a friend and faculty member here at BYUH that they were in need of a temporary teacher. So, we came out for this semester and spring," he said.

**CAMPUS**

**NEW  
ComputerLab**

**A** new campus computer lab opened at BYU-Hawaii to accommodate students' needs this January to much praise and gratitude. The lab, which is located in classroom 133 of the Aloha Center, features 26 independent Dell computers, each boasting the same productivity software and operating systems as the Windows-based computers in the Joseph F. Smith Library. The computers are also compatible with both the Windows and Apple-based computers around campus.

The computers were installed in the Aloha Center "to alleviate the crowding that occurs around midterms and finals week" in the other computer labs, David Lucero said, the director of BYUH Student Activities and Leadership.

After a research project to see if the lab would be used and needed, the department embarked on a \$20,000-plus investment to install the computers and renovate the room, involving upgrading ventilation to ensure that the room stays cool enough for the computers.

Some students criticize the use of Dell computers. Christian Evans, junior in biology from Colorado, wishes the lab utilized Apple computers instead. "They are much easier to work with, especially since I have a MacBook myself and do work on both." He continued, saying that since many students use Apple computers, they would have made more sense in the new lab. In spite of this, the computers remain fully compatible with productivity software available for Apple computers.

Dustin Geddes, senior in accounting from Utah, now works in the computer lab after being transferred from the JFS Library. "I like working there. It's quiet," Geddes said. "I think having the new lab is a good idea because more computers are always nice."

— Brett Evans



# Campus-wide women's group promotes excellence in academics

One organization at BYU-Hawaii that many students may not be aware of is the Academic Women's Network. Created in 2006, this advisory group is becoming more and more established.

According to their Web site, this network is composed of women from BYUH's faculty and administrative staff who are "committed to excellence in teaching, research, creative work, service and administration our campus and beyond."

Helena Hannonen is currently the president of the Academic Women's Network (AWN). Rose Ram is vice president, and Leialoha Pakalani is vice president for communications. Pakalani said they seek to "provide a leadership venue for women administrative staff and faculty; we try to enhance opportunities for networking to facilitate professional growth and career satisfaction, and we monitor and celebrate accomplishments." One way in which this is accomplished is through monthly meetings where members can learn from and share with one another.

Explaining the structure of the AWN, Pakalani said, "For now, we have appointed different sub-com-

mittees to help us accomplish our goals and, most significantly, the appointment of the advisory board. We have met with Sheri Dew, Mary Cook and Wendy Watson-Nelson to discuss issues important to women who are mothers and career-women." On the advisory board for the AWN are Debbie Hippolite Wright, Beth Haynes, and Margaret Wheelwright."

Ram described how the organization has been busy at work. She said, "we have already accomplished many things, and we continue to strive to encourage women to fulfill their potential." Ram explained that the new creations of the Web site and a blackboard account, through which women can communicate, are part of a greater effort to showcase and highlight the works of professional women. "We like to call ourselves a team," said Ram.

On top of this Ram explains, "Throughout the years, we have worked hard to establish ourselves as helpers in the community." One of the organization's most recent projects involved a trip to Micronesia to offer training and resource to a library in Yap. "The library was destroyed by a typhoon, so we helped with rebuilding and training the librarians on how to run and manage a library."

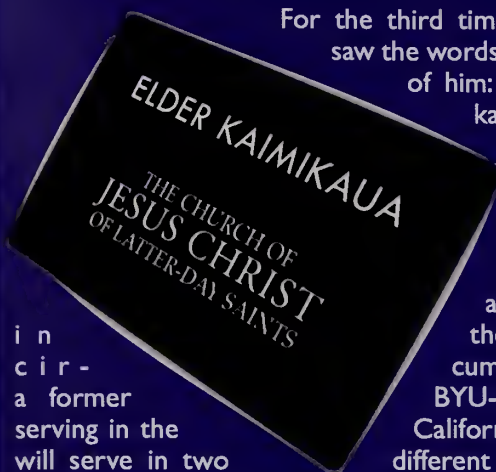
— APRIL COURTRIGHT  
& MICHAEL WAITE

Below: (L to R) Rose Ram, Helena Hannonen and Leialoha Pakalani, the current presidency of the BYUH chapter of the Academic Women's Network.



## The third time's the charm

For the third time, Trevor Kaimikaua saw the words on the page in front of him: "Dear Elder Kaimikaua, you are hereby called to serve as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. You are assigned to labor the..." Due to unusual circumstances, Kaimikaua, BYU-Hawaii freshman now California Anaheim Mission, different missions at three serve for a full 24 months.



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Kaimikaua, originally from Makakilo, received his first mission call in 2006, a second 2007, and his final in 2008.

In 2006, Kaimikaua received his mission call to serve in the Guatemala City North Mission and was to report to the Guatemala Missionary Training Center on Nov. 22. Excited by the call, his parents called friends and family to gather together to share in their sons' special.

"I was excited for him and his parents because he's an only child and the only grandson on his father's side," said Leiha Enos, cousin of Elder Kaimikaua from Makakilo.

Before heading to the Guatemala MTC, family, friends, and ward members gathered together at the Honolulu airport to see Elder Kaimikaua off on his mission.

"I felt sad that he was leaving because he's my only cousin on my mom's side. I was sad that I wouldn't see him for two years," recalled Kalei Hoa Paceho.

However, Sisylina Peterson, a close family-friend to the Kaimikauas, recalled the moment when the phone rang with some surprising news about the new missionary. "My Auntie Chauna answered the phone. She stood there for a moment silent then hung up the phone. She turned to me and said that Trevor is flying in tomorrow morning," said Peterson.

After only one week on his mission, Elder Kaimikaua returned home. "I felt that I had to take care of some personal things before I could continue my mission," said Elder Kaimikaua. "My mission president asked if I wanted to do it in the MTC, but I felt like I should just return home and handle it."

Kevin Kaimikaua, his father, said, "I didn't know what to think when I got a phone call from my son and his mission president saying he would be returning home. I love my son and support him in anything decision he makes."

In mid-2007, several months after returning home, Elder Kaimikaua re-submitted his mission papers. "I got my mission call about three weeks after I submitted it. I was called to the same mission, Guatemala City North Mission," said Elder K. "This time I was to report to the MTC in Utah."

Elder Kaimikaua reported to the Provo MTC and stayed there for two months before heading to Guatemala.

"The second time around, he was enjoying his mission and fell in love with the people. I could see in his letters that his testimony was growing each and every day," said LeiAnn Kaimikaua, Elder Kaimikaua's mother.

Stevie Yates, one of Elder Kaimikaua's friends, said, "On Mother's Day he called my house because his whole family was there for a Mother's Day dinner we put on. Everyone there got to talk to him."

But Yates added that on the Wednesday after Mother's Day, Elder Kaimikaua's father called saying Trevor would be coming home the next morning.

— JOCELYN FAUMUINA

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# Books and bouncing as the semester begins

The Opening Social is the first opportunity of the semester to make new friends and dance the night away. It transformed the Cannon Activities Center into a social event and Moroccan-looking bazaar.

People were also sitting on the floor surrounded by books, jewelry, clothing and other items for sale at the BYUHSA sponsored book sale. The bargain hunting was accompanied by blow-up jungle gyms on the other side of the room, and the night's events ended with the first dance of the semester.

Mixed emotions resulted from the Opening Social however, with complaints coming in about lighting, lack of space and a lack of food.

However, Emily York, junior in International Cultural Studies from Michigan, said, "I was extremely pleased with everyone's company. I really saw some dancers come out that night and I felt joyous vibes bouncing

around the room."

Momomi Hannemann, senior in TESOL from Washington, left feeling a little ripped off after buying a \$20 used 6th edition textbook. "I really needed the 8th addition, but this was all I could find. But I didn't think the \$100 online was worth it."

Though not everyone was satisfied with their purchases, some were appeased by the dance.

Of the first dance of the semester, Theodore Davis, senior in Business from Utah said it was "the best one ever! It was fun and exciting and probably the best attended ever."

Pehrson Hawkley, senior in biochemistry from New Jersey, said, "The best part of the whole night... was the bakery." Hawkley was referring to the bake sale put on by a student in need fund raising for their tuition.

—MARNI VAIL

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Above: (L to R) Ryan Orm, Ronald Casaba and Jacob Auna bargain with fellow students at the book sale during the BYUHSA Opening Social.

## BYU-HAWAII CAMPUS REACHES 50-YEAR MARK

Dec. 17, 2008, the Brigham Young University Hawaii campus — that is, the actual physical plant — marks 50 years to the day since President David O. McKay stood at the podium in the brand new auditorium, now named in his honor, and dedicated the core facilities of the Church College of Hawaii (renamed in 1974) that the labor missionaries had just completed.

That morning, President McKay and Elder Mar-

ion G. Romney of the Quorum of the Twelve, and their wives, walked from Laie Elementary School parting the long garlands of plumeria patterned after the greeting community residents gave King Kalakaua when he visited in 1874. They stopped for the unveiling of the mosaic mural above the foyer of the building now also named in his honor. The mural had literally been finished just a half-hour before President McKay's arrival.

Below: Fifty years ago, the Church College of Hawaii's first physical building was dedicated by President David O. McKay. Today that same building bears his name.



In the auditorium, the audience filled every seat, awaiting their arrival. Large louvers on the sides (which have long since been filled in) were opened so more people could watch, and loudspeakers were also set up for even more people in the foyer and hallways.

Hawaii Governor William F. Quinn, Honolulu Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell, Deputy Superintendent of Territorial Schools Deal F. Crooker, and University of Hawaii President Dr. Laurence Snyder were already on the stand.

In his remarks, Gov. Quinn said, "We have no doubt that the Church College of Hawaii will serve the Pacific world well — as an educational center — just as heretofore Laie has been a spiritual center; and that we, the Occidental people, the Polynesian people of the Pacific world will come and that the Church College of Hawaii will make its contributions to the destiny of Hawaii which is so manifest in this Pacific world to be, in truth, a leader of all of the peoples of the Pacific."

About two hours later, as President McKay began his remarks, he recalled that 38 years earlier "we stood around the flagpole and pledged allegiance to the flag so dear to all of us" — a scene recreated in the mosaic mural.

—MIKE FOLEY

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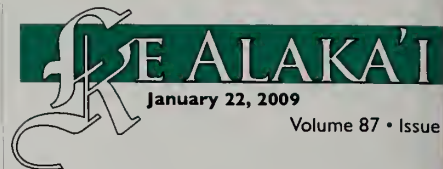
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**Above:** Some of the members of BYU-Hawaii's Management Society student chapter are: (L to R) Back row: Helena Hannonen, Alex Hamblin, Birgitte Christensen, Jared Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Ashley Dudley, Han Win, and Juniro Makise. Front row: Audrey DeHart, Cowdery Chrisanto and Corbin Thomander. They make up the first student chapter in the world.

## BYU - Hawaii Management Society

**T**he BYU-Hawaii Management Society is the first student chapter in the world, but is only part of a large professional society.

The society's theme is "to grow moral and ethical leaders" and helps professionals network and connect with other professionals around the world. There are currently 40 members of the chapter, but it is looking for more.

Jennifer Johnson, recent graduate in accounting from Oklahoma, is the president of the Management Society's BYU-Hawaii Chapter.

"Last March we officially started

the first on-going student chapter in the world," said Johnson. "The other chapters were mostly made up of working professionals."

Johnson explained that the chapter in San Francisco incorporates students into their professional chapter, but is not a student chapter.

"In January 2007, we tried to get things going and got the chapter up and running in March," said Johnson.

According to Johnson, "the attitude is more professional than a club and it helps members network in the career world. We all know the phrase: 'It's not what you know but whom you know,' right? This is how you get in with people you know." The BYU-

Hawaii chapter's theme is "to bridge the gap between the educational world and the career world." BYUH business Professor Helena Hannonen, who said she has "grown up in the society," helped bring a chapter to this campus and continues to be a support to the organization.

Hannonen, who is a former president of the chapter in Silicon Valley, Calif., said, "The reason we wanted to bring the Management Society to BYU-Hawaii is that students are so far away [speaking of location] from everything and need to have a network for internships and jobs."

Members can go anywhere in the world and look up a local Manage-

ment Society chapter and have an instant network, explained Hannonen.

When speaking about her involvement in the chapter, Hannonen said, "I am all about getting results, having fun and seeing students succeed."

She also said one of the most exciting results of the society is connecting students with employers. "We have had a couple of students get internships and jobs because of networking through the Management Society... I get the biggest kick out of watching students representing BYU-Hawaii. They do such a great job it makes me proud to be a part of it."

The starting of the student chapter at BYU-Hawaii has inspired others to follow as well. BYU-Idaho now has an active chapter.

Aushra Moreno, senior in accounting from Mexico, was able to help reactivate the chapter in her hometown, Mexico City. After contacting two chapters in Mexico, she found out that the chapter in Mexico City was inactive. She then contacted Chet Harmer in California and he flew down to Mexico to help reestablish the branch.

-JORDAN FLAKE



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## The WILLES CENTER for INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### Hand in Hand: Entrepreneurship and Undergrads

**T**he time in life lived as a university student is awkward and unstable; people who will go on to lead very normal and responsible lives can temporarily lose their minds. Ever-changing majors, couples, and Seasider menus are proving that apparently experimentation is the thing to do and "being young" is the perfect fallback when things go wrong.

Most amazingly in college it is okay to fail and try something else, a lesson that is quickly lost upon graduation. So while you're in college, sounds like the perfect opportunity to start a business.

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2. Higher Risk Tolerance: It's helpful to recognize that when you're a student, your opportunity cost is likely lower than most other points in your career. When you're sitting in class and an idea comes to you, it doesn't cost that much to give things a try.
3. Starry-Eyed Optimism: Let's face it; starting

a company takes a fair amount of optimism. As a student you have minimal resources, and the odds are severely stacked against you. You also, conveniently, have nothing to lose.

4. Trusted Peer Network: You have the opportunity to meet and work with different people in and out of the classroom. If you do it right, these friends and acquaintances will be mentors, clients, and even potential business partners. Yes, you read that correctly. You can surf and socialize your way to success.

5. Applied Learning: As a student, you're quite often "drinking from a fire hose" and bringing all sorts of new information into your brain. Some of that sticks and some of which, in reality, does not. Starting a business while you're a student provides a practical outlet for your learning. You can internalize and externalize the classroom ideas in tandem.

Blake Baxter (student-entrepreneur and co-founder of Windward Surf, LLC), was enthusiastic about the benefits of initiating a student-business while in school, saying it has provided "practical applications and experience with finance, organizing, and planning; an over-all confidence builder!"

If you're a student or recent graduate, this is a great time to think about starting a company. Keep your mind open. See if you can find patterns in problems you see and try to find unique and compelling ways to solve problems people care about. It often is really that simple.

-NATHAN WILLIAMS



# NATIONAL Inauguration 2009

America welcomes its 44th President Barack Obama



**Above:** (L to R) President-elect Barack Obama, and his wife Michelle and daughters Malia and Sasha, are seen on the podium moments before Obama was sworn in as the 44th president at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009.

**A**vast, excited crowd of more than 1 million bore witness Tuesday to a transfer of American power like none before it. The blare of regal trumpets and thunder of cannon were familiar. The transition from Republican to Democrat, and gray hair to dark, had happened before.

While some BYU-Hawaii students said they were not able to watch the ceremony live because of the drastic time difference, the broadcast is available over the Internet and will doubtlessly dominate news programs for the next few days.

The presidency passed to Democrat Obama from Republican George W. Bush at the stroke of noon, marking one of democracy's greatest gifts: the peaceful transfer of power. After the ceremony, they embraced at the Capitol and walked out together.

Clark Tanner, a senior in art education from Nevada, summarized his enthusiasm over the new president in three words: "God bless Obama."

Others commented on the tone of the ceremony

including Ryan Barber, a business major from Oregon, who said, "Generally speaking, inaugurations from the past have been boring and dull. This one was more like a celebration. It seemed like it was aimed at the younger generation."

Josie Thomson, a former vocal studies student from California, said, "It was amazing. I felt moved by his acceptance and the crowd's joyous response."

In his inauguration speech, Obama articulated the deeper effect on the American psyche of the problems of war and recession: "A nagging fear that America's decline is inevitable, and that the next generation must lower its sights."

Not so, said Obama. But he cautioned that the effort would require all citizens, no matter party, age, skin color, or status, to get to work.

Jon Jonassen, BYUH professor in the Political Science Department, said, "I thought it was a very joyous, magical occasion. It's wonderful to see people of all races and political affiliations come together and contribute to that moment. I think it was an almost perfect inauguration."

Energized by the moment, hordes clogged the scene, enduring below-freezing temperatures. Starting before dawn, with the Capitol bathed in lights, they streamed from jammed subway stations and thronged past parked buses, emergency

vehicles and street vendors to Pennsylvania Avenue and the National Mall.

"I've been real emotional all morning thinking about my grandmother and the heroes whose shoulders we stand on," said Lyshundria Houston, 34, here from Memphis, after more than 20 hours of travel. Houston, who is black, said: "They'd be so proud."

The White House Web site switched to Obama from Bush before the new president had concluded his inaugural address.

"Change has come to WhiteHouse.gov," said the first blog of the Obama team.

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## Serving the country

**P**resident-elect Obama started his inauguration with a national call-to-service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Thousands of volunteers across the United States came together to renew America, one community at a time.

MLK, Jr. Day has been a National Day of Service since 1994, but Obama's call to service generated much more excitement and involvement than usual.

Oahu alone was the site of over 20 service projects, which included beach clean-ups, food drives, a Habitat for Humanity event, and many other causes.

BYU-Hawaii students joined in by serving around the island, some marching in the Waikiki parade. One of the marchers, Alexis Young, senior in TESOL from Arizona, said "I think it's great! This is the first year Arizona has celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, so I have never celebrated it before, and service is a great way to do it!"

—ALYSSA HERZINGER

**Left:** Steve Groves, a local business owner, volunteers at the Casa Esperanza charity in Albuquerque, N.M., as part of the National Day of Service on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009. Groves said he hopes the people who hear about the work done Monday will be inspired to give back to their own communities.

## Marching into History

**T**he marching band of Punahou High School in Oahu, after formal invitation and plenty of practice participated in President Obama's inaugural parade in Washington on Tuesday, while several hundred other students of the school watched at home from their auditorium.

Obama attended Punahou for eight years, from fifth grade until graduation when he left Hawaii to attend college on the mainland. The Associated Press reports that Obama and his entire family flashed the shaka sign to his alma mater. The band played Queen Liliuokalani's "Aloha Oe," "Men of Punahou," and "Brahms Symphony No. 1" as they marched from the U.S. Capitol to the White House.

Back on the island, students watching from the auditorium laughed with delight when they saw this local greeting from their new president. "I just felt so proud that I was going to a school that our new president went to," said ten-year-old 5th grader Emma Stewart. Ten-year old Khalil Edwards of the same grade said Obama's achievement gives him a lot of hope. "He went through probably the same things we went through," Edwards said.

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**Right:** Barack Obama throws a "shaka" sign at the Punahou School marching band.



## Hawaii's Inaugural Events

**B**arack Obama is officially Mr. President, and for Oahu residents ready to celebrate his inauguration there were a variety of activities available on the island. Formal, informal, at cost, or free, the opportunities to come together on such a historical day were plenty.

A variety of restaurants hosted breakfast viewings of the inauguration. Don Ho's Hawaiian Grill at the Aloha Tower Marketplace offered the chance, for a \$30 cover fee, to enjoy the ceremony alongside your breakfast and friends. Likewise, the Plaza club had a morning screening of the swearing in for \$30 with a buffet.

The evening offered an abundance of parties, balls and galas. The Democratic Party of Hawaii held a gala at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. This gala ranged from \$250 to \$1,000 per person.

The Waterfront at the Aloha Tower Marketplace hosted a free party, but a fancier party was also available for \$30 at the Plaza Club. Other places, like the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii presented live Jazz with Hawaiian and other dance music for \$65-\$75 to be donated to the Hawaii Foodbank, along with canned food they collected.

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**Left:** Community members and students gather on the Punahou school campus to watch the inauguration of Barack Obama.





# Seasiders sink visiting Argonauts

It didn't take long for the BYU-Hawaii men's basketball team to assert themselves at home on Saturday night, Jan. 17. The visiting Argonauts from Notre Dame de Namur were out-matched from the get-go; as BYUH jumped out to 26-9 lead midway through the first period on the way to a 104-67 Seasider victory.

BYUH started the week ranked No. 8 in the National Association of Basketball Coaches Division II poll and picked up their 10th and 11th wins to improve to 11-1 overall and 4-0 in the Pacific West Conference.

"It's good that we didn't have a letdown," said guard Nick Holladay, junior in international business management from Arizona. "We were able to stay focused after a tough Chaminade win."

Tsung-Hsien (Jet) Chang, undeclared freshman from Taiwan, led all scorers with 20 points off the bench for the Seasiders, including 6-8 from the free throw line.

"I get a lot of chances to shoot free throws," said Chang, who attributes it to his ability to penetrate off of the dribble. "I don't think too much. I just follow the tempo and my style," added Chang, who put in a couple of acrobatic shots while being fouled.

The Seasiders continue to shoot well this season, finishing Saturday night's game with 63.8 percent from the field compared to 40.7 percent for NDNU. They also dominated NDNU on the boards, out-rebounding the Argonauts 45-19.

Despite the large BYUH lead, Holladay, who

finished the night with six points in 13 minutes, was able to provide some drama late in the game.

With 6:13 left in the game and a 96-60 lead, BYUH seemed to be coasting to a victory with their starters on the bench. Nearly four minutes would pass with the Seasiders able to manage just a single point off of a free throw. With free ice cream for the home crowd if BYUH reached 100 points, the tension in the Cannon Activities Center grew.

"We didn't want to take a bad shot," said Holladay, who admitted the 100-point mark crossed his mind, saying, "when [the lead is] that big of a margin and the crowd's chanting [ice cream], you think about it."

Holladay got the look he wanted, and with 2:35 left in the game, drained a three-pointer that sent the crowd into a cheering frenzy.

The Seasiders closed out the game strong, finishing with the largest lead of the night.

"It brings us confidence top to bottom for the future," said Holladay of everyone getting to play. "It gives us experience. It's a long season and you never know what can happen. It's also good for the starters to get rest after the big win the other night."

Starting guard J.R. Buensuceso, junior in premed from California, tallied his second consecutive double-double with 12 points and 10 assists, and Lucas Alves, junior in exercise and sports science from Brazil, just missed joining him, finish-



**Right:** Tsung-Hsien (Jet) Chang, was the leading scorer in a Jan. 17 game against Notre Dame de Namur. Shown in a game earlier this season against Hilo, Chang put in six of eight free throws against Notre Dame de Namur. Overall the Seasiders are 11-1 overall for the season.

ing with 18 points and nine rebounds.

The Seasiders will continue play on Jan. 24 against Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu. The next home game for BYUH will be on the 26th in a non-conference match up against the Academy of Art at 7:30 p.m.

-SAM AKINAKA

## Close game ends in a win for Lady Seasiders

### Latoya Wily named Player of the Week and sets new Seasider record

The BYU-Hawaii Lady Seasiders defeated Notre Dame de Namur 69-61 on Saturday, Jan. 17 in Laie. This PacWest match up changed the Lady Seasiders record to 2-2 in the conference and 6-7 in the overall season. The game stayed close with the Argonauts trailing but never giving up.

Notre Dame now holds a 2-4 conference record and 5-12 overall season.

Forward Latoya Wily, senior from Laie, scored 24 points and grabbed 16 rebounds for the Lady Seasiders, while guard Richelle Fenenbock, sophomore from Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, got 18 points including three 3-point shots. Guard Mahina Gago, junior from Las Vegas, Nevada, and guard Agnes Tuilevuka, junior from Suva, Fiji, each added 9 points to the scoreboard as well.

Notre Dame had two double-digit scorers through the night. Tanaia Keyes scored 16 points and Britni Rathke had 14 points in the game. They fell behind

by 5 points at the half, and were unable to catch up before the buzzer rang.

This game has prepared the Lady Seasiders for their match against Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu at 5:30 p.m. this upcoming Saturday, Jan. 24.

### Wily's double-digit numbers noted by league award

Wily has earned her third Player of the Week award due to her spectacular performance in two games against Chaminade and Notre Dame de Namur. Wily's performance has been strong this entire season, allowing her to set BYUH's score record at 40 points in one game alone.

Wily averaged a double-digit total in both rebounds and points last week. She averaged 28 points and 19 rebounds per game to lead the conference. Wily has been placed in the top 10 nationally for scoring, rebounding, and field goal percentage.

-BEN BUTTARS



**Above:** Latoya Wily, a senior from Laie, set a BYU-Hawaii record recently scoring 40 points in a game. Her excellent play in the Lady Seasiders last two games earned her a Player of the Week award. They play Hawaii Pacific University on Jan. 24 in Honolulu.



# HULA

## PCC hosts annual hula festival with dancers from around the world



**Above:** Children dancers perform during the second show at the Moanikeala Hula Festival at the Polynesian Cultural Center Jan. 17. These young girls were part of over 20 teams that competed at the festival.

**D**espite the weather forecast predicting a big storm on the island, the sunshine and blue sky on the morning of Jan. 17 allowed dancers of all ages to participate in the 19th Annual Moanikeala Hula Festival at the Polynesian Cultural Center's Pacific Theater.

Women and children dressed in mu'u mu'us, using instruments called uli uli—gourds decorated with red and yellow feathers that make rattling sounds — and pu'ili —bamboo sticks that sound when hit together, represented more than 20 teams of the Auana or modern Hawaiian dance, made up of people from all over the world.

There were even some Japanese hula dancers who flew straight from Japan to participate in the festival.

Along with the hula dancing, Na Hanohano Hoku award winners shared their talents including Hoku Zuttermister who performed with the Hu'i Park Hula Studio. Hoku Award winner Olana A'i also performed with her halau, Halau Hula Olana.

Cy Bridges, the PCC's artistic director, said this event and its name are meant to honor the Auntie Sally Wood Nalua'i, who was the PCC's first kumu hula (hula instructor) when it opened in 1963.

Bridges said, "This event has such a great history and some of the halau, such as the Joan S. Lindsey Hula Studio, have been at the Moanikeala Hula Festival every single year since it began. We were so pleased to welcome two hula halau from Japan this year and hope they return and continue to perpetuate Auntie Sally's legacy."

After the performances of the two Japanese teams, the Hawaiian dancers surprised them with special gifts and an oli, or

chant, in their honor.

Mutsuko Kakazu, one of the hula dancers from Pearl City, shared about her hula dancing experience and preparation for this exhibition. She was glad that her halau didn't have to spend much time practicing for the festival. "We practiced for a Christmas show so all the performers didn't need to practice together for this one," she said.

One BYUH student who was in attendance, Naomi Nakatani, said this festival was an opportunity to learn more about the Hawaiian culture.

She shared that her hula dancing experience came later on in her life through her daughter's encouragement. "I started 22 years ago with my four granddaughters and I do it for exercise," she added.

Nakatani, who is a junior in hospitality and tourism management from Japan, said, "I found out about this activity from my friends, and my favorite show was the second one that the children danced because I think that the kids were so professional. Also, we are in Hawaii and live close to the PCC, we should know more about the Hawaiian culture."

—MARY JANTALERT

## EVENTS

### TRASHCANS, RHYTHM, & DANCE

**T**he BYU-Hawaii Student Association is literally kicking off the semester with a guest performance by "Buckets & Tap Shoes," a dance and rhythm troupe from Minneapolis, Minn. The performance, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the McKay Auditorium, will be the latest in a BYUHSA history of guest performers, ranging from comedy shows and dance performances to musicians like William Joseph and Ryan Shupe and the Rubber Band.

"The group has a unique style that boasts a musical fusion of the classical art of tap dancing with a more modern street style of dance," described Jarom Reid, coordinator for BYUHSA's Performance Series.

According to the group's Web page, "Buckets & Tap Shoes" is "a company of musicians, percussionists, and hoofers," who choreograph "a journey through rhythm, music, and tap dance," featuring influences from rock, blues, hip-hop, and jazz. The group was founded by brothers Rick and Andy Ausland, with three of their friends, and has featured a continuous cycle of new and guest performers. Music is made with dedicated instruments, but also through 10-gallon buckets, trash can lids, and other found objects to create a unique, rhythmic sound.

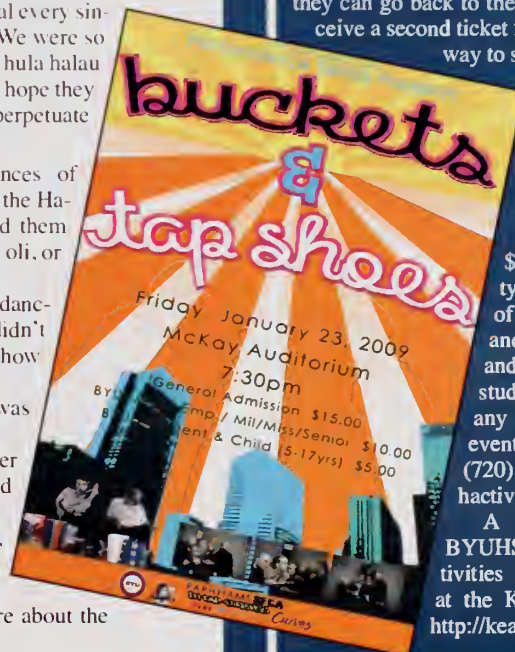
Accompanying the concert is a new campaign by performance series: "Take-A-Ticket Giveaway." Students can purchase a ticket at the Aloha Center Front Desk and they will receive a sticker for "Buckets & Taps." If they wear the sticker for 24 hours, they can go back to the Front Desk and receive a second ticket for free. "It's a great way to show support for the

group and get a free ticket," he said. "It's perfect for anyone who wants to take a date."

Tickets will be \$15 to the community, \$10 for employees of BYUH and others, and \$3 for children and BYUH current students. If you have any questions about the event, contact Reid at (720) 291-1870 or at [byuhactivities@gmail.com](mailto:byuhactivities@gmail.com).

A full calendar of BYUHSA and campus activities is available online at the Ke Alaka'i website, <http://kealakai.byuh.edu>

—BRETT EVANS





# World Fest

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**Above:** Students were able to use the three days of WorldFest to sign up for new clubs and pay membership fees.



**Above:** Members of the Samoan club sit in front of a sign they decorated to draw attention to their table at WorldFest.



**Above:** Worldfest took place in the Aloha Center Mall Jan. 14-16. Over 40 different organizations had tables at the exhibition which gave students the chance to sign up for a variety of clubs.







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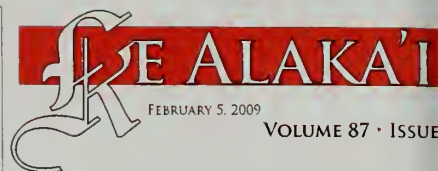
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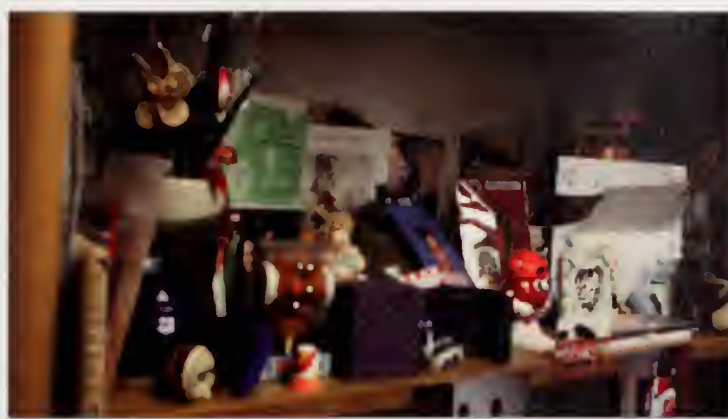


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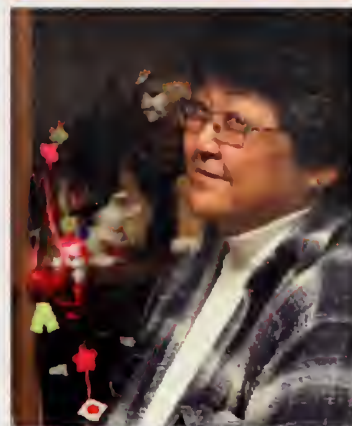
The name plate imprinted on her desk reads "Marge Tuttle," but more telling of her personality are the three little plush koala bear toys that are clipped around the sides of it, given to her by a past supervisor. Tuttle has been working at the Joseph F. Smith Library for almost thirty years, and in that time she has received an abundance of stuffed animals, cultural knick knacks, and other gifts—large and small—from the students and co-workers who have come to love her.

It is not surprising to see why. Not knowing her name, I wandered around the library in search of this person that had been described to me, and when a man led me to a cheery looking woman behind a desk of colorful dolls and souvenirs, I knew she was the person to interview.

Though humbly reluctant, Tuttle consented through contagious laugh-



**LEFT:** The many trinkets the Marge Tuttle has accumulated over her many years of service. **BELOW:** Marge Tuttle talks while being interviewed.



ter to "spill her guts to everyone" by granting me a chair and answers to my questions. Originally from the Big Island, an opening at the BYU-Hawaii library for a serials technician brought her to Oahu as a single student. She now works as the copy cataloger librarian, and is married with four children. She met her husband, a temple worker, while volunteering at the temple every Saturday.

Each of the treasures that grace her shelf and desk are tied to memories of specific people. Tuttle showed me letters from former student workers who have sent pictures and updates. One student is now married with three children but still continues to keep in touch. Tuttle commented that some people might think that her workspace is a

mess of clutter and want to come clean it up once they see the pictures. Still she said, "You know, when you work here eight hours a day, five days a week, it's like a second home, so why not decorate it with something meaningful?"

Talking to her current student worker, Hyeoye Ay-Yeung, freshman in EIL from Hong Kong, I learned that one reason students love her is because "She's talkative and that makes it fun when we are here for so long." Ay-Yeung added further, "Even during the interview talked to me about a lot of things, and when I don't understand something she helps to explain it to me."

She had no real complaints about her work, and though she conceded that sometimes people complain about the air conditioning (libraries need to be

kept cool to prevent deterioration and potential molding of books), she says that she does okay with a chair warmer given to her by her son. And she added, "It's better to put clothes on anyway."

Tuttle said, "It's wonderful working here." And what does she love the most about it? Without hesitation she responded, "the people."

—APRIL COURTRIGHT

## Flamenco-jazz band to play at BYUH

One of the most well known, fusion-based flamenco bands, "Cerro Negro," will be performing at the Cannon Activities Center on Friday, Feb. 6, 2009, from 8:30 p.m. To 10:30 p.m.

Students all over campus are talking about the appearance of this band, but there are still the few that ask, "What kind of music do they play? Are all of their songs in Spanish? Where are they from and why are they coming to Hawaii?" And what better way is there to answer these questions than by asking the band themselves. The band percussionist John Martin III, gave answers to all of these questions.

"We play a fusion-based flamenco jazz. It's kind of like mixing up jazz music with Spanish or Latino... but we usually like to keep it diverse," shared the California-born percussionist. He went on to say, "No, not all of our songs are in Spanish. We sing in Spanish, English, and Portuguese." And for the final question: where are they from and why are they coming to Hawaii? Martin speedily answered, "We wanted to come somewhere in the winter time that was warm and beautiful; and we really love to travel so this was a place that we could get far away from America but still be in America."

For tickets and prices, please see the Aloha Center Front Desk.

—AUSTIN COOK



## Variety added: Winter '09 FoodFest

With more clubs than ever, this semester's FoodFest, to be held Saturday, Feb. 7 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in BYU-Hawaii's Little Circle, promises to offer the best variety of international food around.

"This semester there are more clubs which means there should be more variety," said BYUHSA Vice President for Clubs and Organizations Audrey Thompson, "and variety is one of the main factors that seems to get most of the students at BYU-H excited about Food-

## FoodFest

Girl: Foodfest is pretty fun, yeah?

Boy: I guess. I never really get into it.

Fest."

Mike Gulden, freshman from Ventura County, Calif., shared his opinion on the upcoming FoodFest: "I am very excited for this semester's FoodFest. I think it's the coolest thing to be able to try the different varieties of food from around the globe."

But the variety of food isn't the only thing that gets the students ecstatic about FoodFest. Seung Tae Shin, freshman in business management from South Korea, shared why he is excited about this semester's FoodFest: "When I walk around the flag circle, and I see all of the different kinds of cultures come together and share their own unique type of food, I can feel the peace between these culture's and I can tell that the future is very bright for them."

—AUSTIN COOK

To see pictures and a description of the food to be served at FoodFest, visit [www.kealakai.byuh.edu](http://www.kealakai.byuh.edu)



Jamie Bullock performs a jump rope routine at Got Talent. Bullock competed for Team USA in 2007, where she traveled to 16 different countries.



## Students share a variety of skills at BYUH's 'Got Talent!'

**T**here was a constant roaring with the sound of applause, laughter and cheering from an audience who stood to support the students sharing their talents in the second season of BYUH Got Talent Friday, Jan. 30.

"I never knew BYUH had this much talent. There are more than just good looks here," smiled Joe White, a freshman in biology from Las Vegas.

Janelle Cabacungan, a sophomore in social work from Washington and member of BYUHSA, helped produce Got

ukulele.

Popular songs were sung, such as, "A Moment Like This" by Kelly Clarkson, "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz, "Your Song" by Elton John, "I Turn to You" by Christina Aguilera, "Steal My Kisses" by Ben Harper, and a personalized version of Gavin DeGraw's "I'm In Love With a Girl." Other songs were sung, including those written by the performers.

Geralyn TyChico, a sophomore in business from the Philippines, sang Christina Aguilera's "I Turn to You".

played a rendition on guitar and ukulele of Gavin DeGraw's "I'm In Love With a Girl." Gift Dean, who is from Thailand and graduated in Political Science said pertaining to this performance, "I liked it because it was natural talent and they put their heart into singing."

Risky Risky performed by singing and playing the guitar, and purposely fell backwards in his chair toward the end of the performance. Inna Mariano, a sophomore in psychology from Los Angeles, California, said, "I enjoyed his performance because he went up there

**"I never knew BYUH had this much talent. There are more than just good looks here."**  
—Joe White

Talent. "Students want to share their talents without having to compete," Cabacungan said. This was the focus of the performance, which made it different from previous shows this year.

Got Talent started out with a performance from the Korean Club, which has been performing for over ten years. They pounded their drums while sitting on the stage in matching uniforms. Elizabeth Walker, junior in hospitality and tourism management from Niles, Michigan, said, "It was good because the music would be really soft and then go really loud and get everyone excited. It had a good finish."

Singing and playing musical instruments was a talent shared by many of the performers. There were instruments such as drums, guitar, tambourine, cello, French horn, glockenspiel, piano, and

TyChico has been singing since she was five years old and loves sharing her talent with people. She said, "I chose this song because there are so many people that I want to give thanks to, so I use my music to express that."

After "I'm Yours" was performed by The Main Loungers, the crowd was on their feet in applause. John Hook, freshman from California, was one of the members of the group. When asked how they came about choosing this song, he said, "All of us were jamming in the Hale Six piano lounge and we started harmonizing to 'I'm Yours.' We've all grown up singing church hymns, so we know how to harmonize." This act got the crowd involved as many students were singing along to the popular lyrics.

Kristen Wiberg and Terciha Hapi

and had fun with his talent. He didn't take it too seriously."

While there were a lot of singing performances, Jamie Bullock went out of the norm and performed a jump rope routine. In 2007, she competed on Team USA where she traveled to 16 different countries. Her love and talent for jump roping was discovered when she was six years old, while attending a jump roping camp. She now works at those camps as an instructor. She said, "I teach kids to be healthy and active through something I love to do." Josh Nelson, junior in international business management from Arkansas, said of Bullock's performance, "That could easily be a Top Ten on ESPN."

NICOLE HAMILTON



**TOP:** Brian Poppleton plays the piano and sings an Elton John song.

**MIDDLE:** Michael Edgar Hansen performs on the drums as part of a three-person group.

**BOTTOM:** BYUH alum Al Rosales sings and plays the guitar as alum Shem Greenwood drums.



# International students say new credit requirement is a positive change

**T**he new 40 credits per year requirement for international students at BYU-Hawaii has come more in the form of an opportunity than a burden to most students it affects, says students interviewed. Starting Spring 2009, along with the switch to three terms, all students that fall into the International Work Experience Scholarship category may be required to attend two of the three summer terms – Spring, Summer or First.

"For me the switch is better because if I can graduate in a shorter amount of time and it will cost me less money," said Angela Lo, sophomore in accounting from Hong Kong.

The sentiment expressed by Lo seems to be exactly in line with what the administration had in mind. With an available three terms in addition to the two semesters, international students will have two options in which they can complete the 40 credits: 14 credits per semester followed by six credits for two terms, or 16 credits each semester and eight credits in one of the terms.

The concept is to invite all students to participate by taking 40 credits, while doing what is possible to encourage students to attend at least two of the three terms. One way of doing this is by making BYU-Hawaii housing available only to students who fulfill the condition of taking 40 credits per year. Similar incentives will be placed on scholarships. Plus, taking 40 credits per year means stu-



**ABOVE:** Frank Sun performs a solo with the Chinese Club at Culture Night. International Students such as Sun will be affected by the new 40-credit-per-year requirement effective Spring 09.

dents can graduate with the needed 120 credits in just three years.

"While students are here they need to know that their first priority is to get an education," said Vice President for Academics Max Checketts, explaining that students need to be aware of the purpose of this school. Obligations working on campus and Polynesian Cultural Center are second to this goal, he added. Making the change to three terms was made thinking not only of current students but also of those students who are waiting to be admitted to BYU-Hawaii.

"The longer students stay here they are taking the spot of someone else who would love to be here" said Brother Checketts. He also explained

that the international visa requirements will not change because the 40 credit requirement is solely stipulated by the university.

International students fall under two categories, those who are currently sponsored by the IWES program, and those who are here independently. For many of the students in the IWES program there doesn't really seem to be a negative side. Marcus Joseph, senior from Tauranga, New Zealand, said, "For IWES students, we are here anyway so we might as well be in school for that time. I guess it depends on if you want to get out of here quicker, which I do." Because IWES students stay year-round, this will increase the effectiveness of the time they are here.

As for the international students who are not sponsored, their situation is a little more difficult. Without the option of federal loans in the U.S., summer break becomes an important time to save the required money for the school year. Getting this money together becomes more difficult in the substantially shorter break.

Rich Walker, financial services counselor and supervisor from Chicago, explained that next year the new IWORK program is going to open to all international students, and it should help that situation. As for this year there don't seem to be many, if any financial systems put in place to help students embark on the required two terms.

As a rule there are very few scholarships offered for just the spring and summer terms, these are usually made up of what is left over the from the fall and winter. Without that money, some international students experience a rocky beginning of the new system.

Some students are also concerned about the availability of classes during the new terms. "I believe in the start there may be some problems with the classes offered, because if they don't offer the classes the students need the terms will become a waste of time and money," said Sin Ying Leona Tsang, junior in two dimensional art from Hong Kong.

However, Tsang also feels positive about the change. "It may be a little bit stressful, but to open one more term can help some students who want to get their degree finished faster. It will also make better use of campus over the summer. Maybe they can focus on more relaxing classes."

LUCY CAMMOCK



**LEFT:** The Office of Honor Staff (L to R) Top: Liz Bustillo, Undraa Altangerel and Melodie Bolli. Bottom: Max Purcell and Meli Lesuma.

## Honor Code: Making room for mediation

**S**ome changes have come to the BYU-Hawaii Honor Code, most notably the new option for students who have been accused of violating the universities standards to seek mediation. BYUHSA VP Justin Ritchie who recently received a Peacebuilding Certificate from the McKay Center, is heading that option. Also, three BYUHSA officers attended an annual Honor Code conference, with student association representatives from the other two BYU campuses and the LDS Business College. And the Office of Honor staff has received three new administrators.

— APRIL COURTRIGHT AND TRIJSTEN LEACH

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[www.kealakai.byuh.edu](http://www.kealakai.byuh.edu)  
 keyword: Honor Code Changes



# The Academic Advisors of BYUH

**D**ue to academic changes this year, the Advisement Department has reorganized and received three new advisors: Charity Fonoimoana, Hi'i Campbell and Martha Christensen. To accommodate questioning students, here is some information about all the advisors.

"Some of what we're trying to get out there is to let people know who their new advisors are," said Marilee Ching, lead academic advisor. Not all students know who they can turn to for questions regarding education and graduation requirements, she explained.

Ko'olina Mills, freshman from Hauula, said, "I don't even know what an advisor is for, so I've never had the need to turn to one." Kaleo Lowe, freshman in exercise and sport sciences experienced something similar. He said, "I was dealing with a scholarship and had some other questions and didn't know who to go to, so I just went to my sister."

Ching said that certain changes in the different colleges caused a rearrangement of advisors to equal out the amount of students per advisor. This has been done to better help students. As some majors fall under new academic advisors, students will want to make sure they are going to the correct place.

Ching added, "There's always someone there to help. They [students] can go to anyone in their respective college if their current advisor is busy. Students should know that all advisors are part-time and try to make their schedules balance with that of the students. She also said that feedback would be very helpful to make sure that the advisors are working at convenient times for the majority of the students.

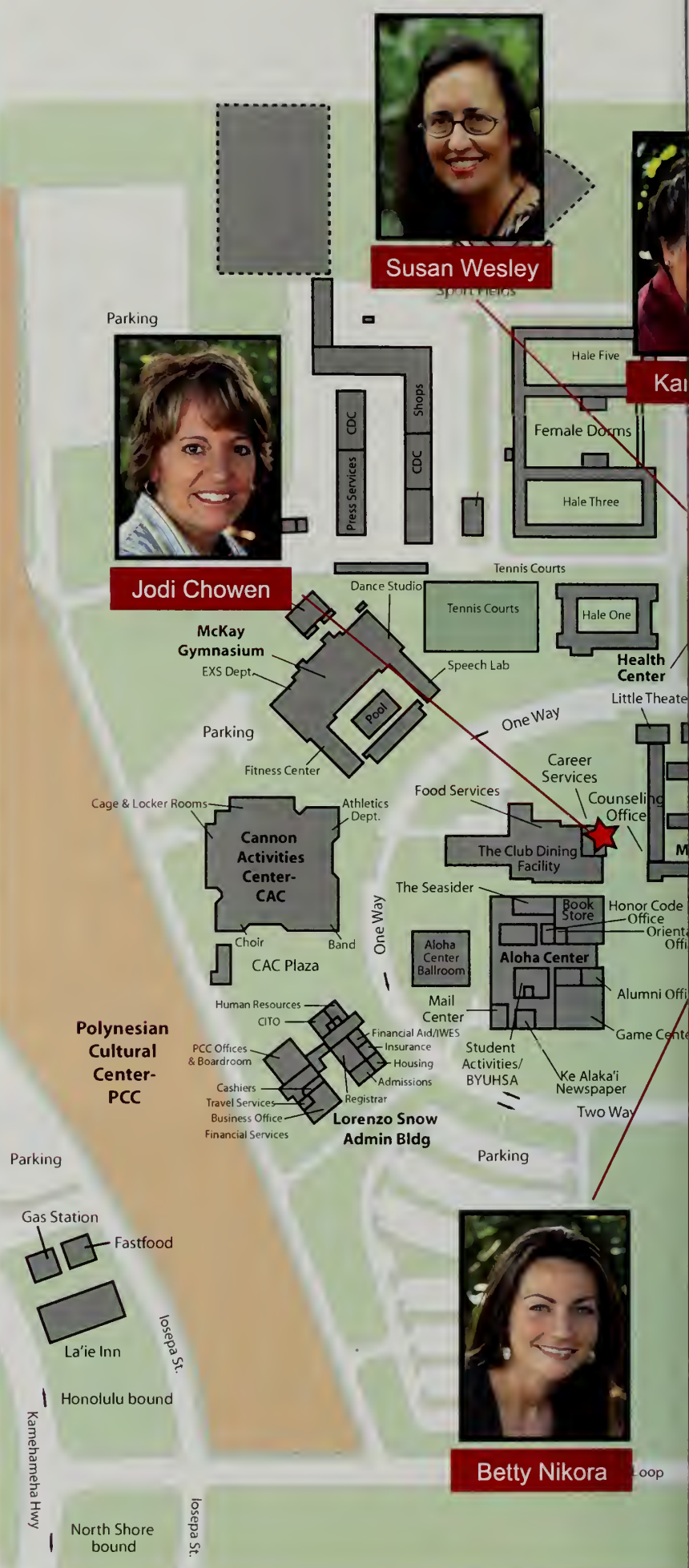
One big change to the system is that students with undeclared majors are to seek academic counseling from Jodi Chowen in the Career Center.

Other than advisors students have other tools such as the mapper at [mapper.byuh.edu](http://mapper.byuh.edu) to access their academic progression online.

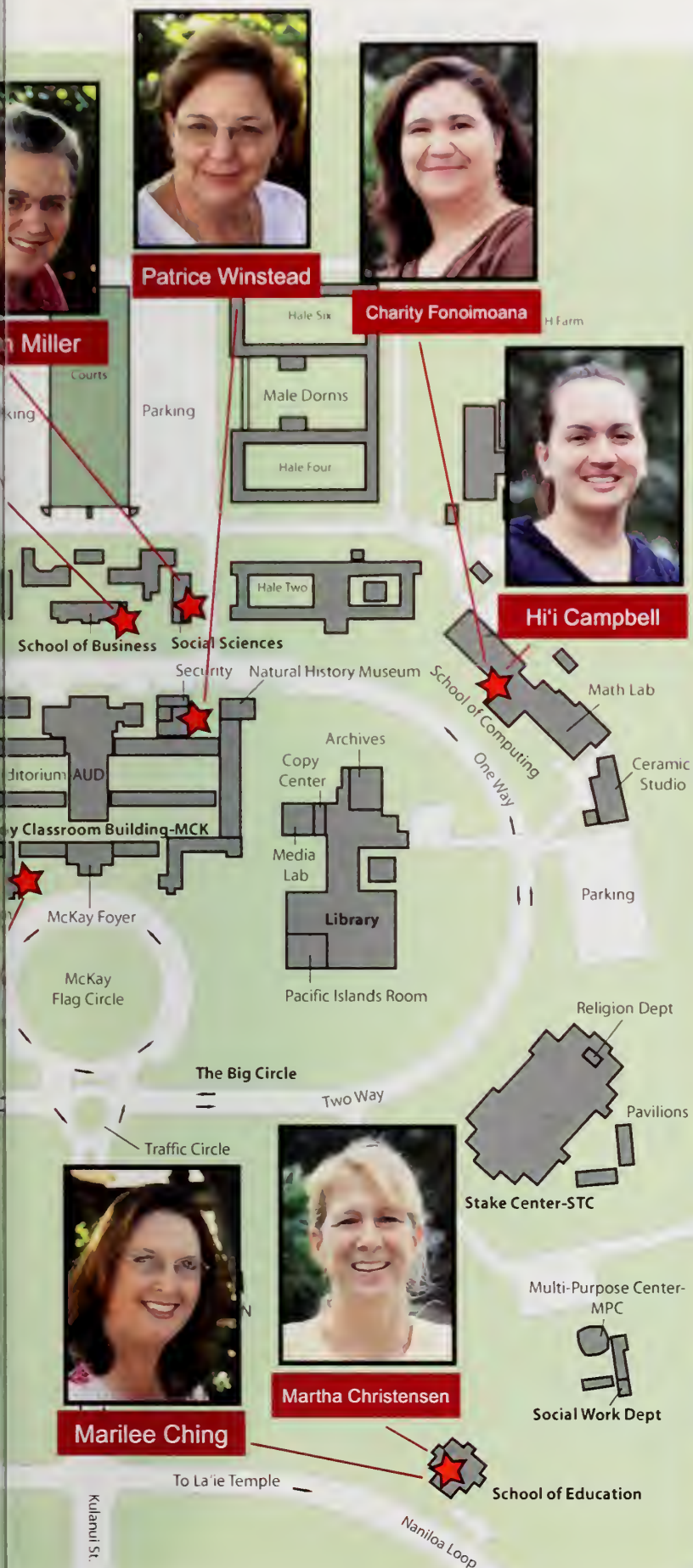
Fonoimoana from Arizona graduated from Penn state in organizational behavior. Her husband is a teacher in Kahuku and they have six children. She likes to go to the beach and ride her blue bike.

Campbell was born and raised in Laie; she attended Kahuku HS before attending BYUH. After graduating in social work, Campbell went to UH and got a master's in social work. She has two daughters and enjoys spending time with her kids and playing volleyball. She and her husband, who is originally from New Zealand, manage the Kiwi Construction Co.

Christensen, originally from Indiana, attended BYUH on a tennis scholarship. After serving a mission in Venezuela she graduated BYUH in business management. She has six kids and enjoys sports and coaches many of her children's teams in soccer, tennis, baseball and volleyball. Prior to working here at BYUH she taught at Kahuku and Laie Elementaries.







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## xiamen university music professors perform chinese new year concert

**B**YU-Hawaii's President Steven C. Wheelwright received an honorary professorship from Xiamen University in China this month during a trip to Asia. Music professors from that same Chinese university also performed a free Chinese New Year concert this January on our campus.

Traveling with his wife Margaret to meet LDS Church leaders and BYUH alumni in Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Philippines, President Wheelwright was also honored by Xiamen University for the work he did about five years ago when he was with the Harvard Business School. He and his former assistant, Dr. Paul Marshall, helped introduce a program, "to train Chinese faculty how to teach by the case method," he said. In recognition of that program, the president of China's Xiamen University awarded President Wheelwright, as well as Marshall, honorary professorships. "That's their level above being an honorary doctorate," President Wheelwright explained.

Seven music professors from the Xiamen University performed a variety of traditional Chinese and modern string and woodwind instruments at our new year's concert. BYUH music Professor David Kammerer, along with a University of Hawaii colleague Ric Trimillos, collaborated to bring this touring group of Xiamen music faculty to BYUH's campus, said Kammerer.

Check out these stories from the Ke Alaka'i Daily for the past week. Every morning a fresh PDF is uploaded to our Web site, so log on to [www.kealakai.byuh.edu](http://www.kealakai.byuh.edu) for the latest and greatest news from "The Leader."

## blood drive on campus surpasses goal by 8 pints

**M**embers of the BYU-Hawaii ohana donated blood to the Hawaii Blood Bank during a blood drive last week in the Aloha Center Ballroom. The drive was a success, said organizers, with 88 pints of blood donated – eight more than their goal of 80 pints of donated blood.

## tva students with children say balance is needed

**T**wo BYU-Hawaii students, who are also mothers, said while it takes work to balance family life and academics, pursuing their educations has benefitted both them and their children.

Ema Billings, mother of four and senior in international cultural studies from Washington, recently returned from studying the conflict between Palestinians and Israelis in Jerusalem. Billings said she is able to incorporate what she learns at school and her home life with her high-school-age son, Titus.

"What I saw in Israel I was able to share with Titus [her son], about how people live, and I was able to meet people on both sides of the conflict," she said. "Through that he is able to not have a stereotypical view of the world and is more aware of things going on."

Billings also manages vacation rentals and said sometimes it gets "really busy trying to balance being a mom with going to school and holding church callings." But Billings said with the help of online courses and home school, Titus is able to learn right along with her as she brings him to a lot of the projects she is working on, such as volunteering in the edible garden at Laie Elementary School.

Another student and mother of two, Jennifer Youngblood, senior in English from Tennessee, spoke of finding a balance between being a parent and a student. "If one or the other is demanding more attention, nine times out of 10, I put the studying off. There are those times when I have to focus on my schooling, but I try to avoid getting myself into crisis situations." She tries to plan ahead and schedule things in advance "that way, it never reaches a boiling point."

Another way Youngblood achieves balance is by taking "the boys to the library with me when I go. They either watch a video or check out books. I do most of my studying in the evening after the boys have gone to bed so it won't interfere with our time."

Youngblood is not alone in the effort of being a full-time parent and student. Her husband, Patrick, is in the same boat.

## honor choir unites youth from across the islands

**H**ard work paid off for 182 high school students on Saturday, Jan. 24 as they sang together in the Hawaii All-State High School Honor Choir performance in the Aloha Center Ballroom. The students came from the Big Island, Maui, Kauai and all over Oahu. This year had the "biggest group ever," said Mia-Amor Porreca, Honor Choir co-chair.

Elaine Guest of Kauai High School said, "I think Honor Choir is probably the best experience any teen can get. It teaches us so much about music, and I just love it with all of my heart." Honor Choir is an event coordinated by the American Choral Directors Association Hawaii Chapter where the best choir students from all around the state come together to make friends, learn new songs, and hone their abilities as choral musicians.

The Jan. 24 concert opened with singing from the BYU-Hawaii Concert Choir. Many members of the choir are former All-State Honor Choir participants. The Honor Choir then took the stage singing eight songs, which ranged from traditional Hawaiian music and American gospel songs to a contemporary Hebrew piece composed by Levine.





## New government formed as a result of economic troubles

Iceland's center-left Social Democratic Alliance Party was chosen Tuesday to form a new government with the Left Green movement following the collapse of the conservative government amid deep economic troubles.

President Olafur Ragnar Grímsson made the decision after Prime Minister Geir Haarde, who had led the island nation since 2006, was toppled Monday by angry protests over the country's slide into economic ruin. Haarde announced resignation the same day.

The Greens will be a junior part-

ner until general elections are held. Haarde had called for new elections in May, but Grímsson said Tuesday that elections could be called at any time from late March to early June.

The shift brings a renewed debate over Iceland's place in Europe. Haarde's conservative Independence Party had dominated coalition governments since 1991 and has long been skeptical over the prospects of Iceland joining the 27-nation European Union.

But Ingibjörg Gísladóttir, chairman of the Alliance, wants Iceland to enter the European Union (EU) and

supports the substantial loan from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that has helped Iceland weather its economic collapses.

Since the global credit crunch hit, Haarde has nationalized banks and negotiated about \$10 billion in bailout loans from the IMF and individual countries. But his government came under sharp criticism for failing to adequately oversee Iceland's banking system and protect the once-prosperous nation of 320,000 people.

Iceland's banks collapsed last year with huge debts amassed during years of rapid expansion. Unemployment

and inflation have spiraled and the IMF predicts that Iceland's economy will shrink by about 10 percent in 2009, which would be its biggest slump since Iceland won full independence from Denmark in 1944.

"I'm surprised," said Scott Isom, a junior in international cultural studies from Oregon, in reference to this rapid expansion. "I can't really think of anything [that the nation exports]."

"It just shows how bad this market is right now," said Christian Evans, a junior in biology from Colorado. "An entire country has essentially gone bankrupt."

Thousands of angry Icelanders have demonstrated against the ousted government in recent weeks, clattering pots and kitchen utensils in what some have called the "Saucepan Revolution."

Though largely peaceful, protesters have doused Reykjavik's parliament in paint and hurled eggs at Haarde's limousine. Last Thursday, police used tear gas to quell a protest for the first time since 1949.

— BRETT EVANS and the ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Court issues death sentences over milk mix-up in China

A Chinese court sentenced two men to death and a dairy boss to life in prison Thursday for their roles in producing and selling infant formula tainted with melamine, a deadly industrial chemical added to watered-down milk in order to fool inspectors and increase profits.

The swift trial and harsh sentences show Beijing's resolve in tackling the country's food safety problems and the desire of the communist leadership to move past the scandal.

With six babies confirmed dead and some 100,000 others throughout China suffering kidney stones and other problems from drinking melamine-laced formula, public shock has turned to simmering anger since the contamination was exposed in September.

The Intermediate People's Court in Shijiazhuang gave a life sentence to Tian Wenhua 66, the former general manager and chairwoman of Sanlu Group Co., the dairy at the center of the crisis. The highest-ranking executive charged in the food safety scandal, Tian admitted she knew of problems with her company's products months before informing authorities.

"My granddaughter died. She (Tian) should die

too, she should be shot. She has brought such harm to the public, to children," said Zheng Shuzhen, of Henan province, who said her 1-year-old granddaughter died in June after drinking Sanlu milk.

Liu Donglin, a father from Beijing whose 21-month-old son has kidney stones, said he would continue calling for the government to study the long-term health effects of melamine.

He also planned to fight a \$160 million compensation plan proposed by Sanlu and 21 other dairy companies involved in the scandal. More than 200 families have filed suit demanding higher compensation and long-term treatment for their babies.

"We'll keep pushing for one year, two years, three years, even 20 years until our children get what they deserve," he said, holding up small signs with other parents that said "Return my child" and "Justice for the people."

"It was a problem of the system, but they were brought to court as scapegoats," said Li Fangping. "No government officials were charged for failing to fulfill their inspection responsibility."

The government promised in 2007 to overhaul inspection procedures after exported pet food ingredients killed and sickened pets in North and South America. The chemical in the dangerous pet

food was the same as in the milk scandal — melamine.

Normally used for making plastics and fertilizer, melamine can cause kidney stones and kidney failure when ingested in large amounts.

"I drank [milk from one of the brands in scandal] every day and I don't have a problem," said Alice Yiu, freshman in political science from Hong Kong. "Maybe they have different concentrations, or maybe the milk that comes to Hong Kong is from a different factory or something." Still, the ramifications of the melamine contamination are morbid. "I think it's so sad, the babies who have gotten so sick," said Yiu.

— BRETT EVANS and the ASSOCIATED PRESS





## Wheelwrights promote BYUH in Southeast Asia

**P**resident Steven C. and Sister Margaret Wheelwright have recently returned from a trip to a handful of countries in southeast Asia to help promote the goals of the university and meet with BYU-Hawaii alumni in their respective countries. The Wheelwrights spent five days in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and the Philippines meeting with LDS Church representatives and secular leaders as well.

For President Wheelwright the trip had multiple meanings; aside from promoting BYUH, he was able to meet up with some former colleagues he made during his tenure at Harvard. President Wheelwright explained that while he was the dean of the Harvard Business School, he and some others started a program with the Xiamen University in China to help teach some of the faculty English. They developed a curriculum and had some text books made and translated to be used in the university. During this trip to China, President Wheelwright and his successor at Harvard, Paul Marshall, were awarded with an honorary profes-

sorship, which, for the Chinese, is one step above an honorary degree, explained Wheelwright.

Aside from the time at the prestigious Xiamen University, home to 40,000 students and one of the best in China, the Wheelwrights visited with Church Education System employees and student in the Seminary and Institute programs of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Manila in the Philippines.

In Hong Kong, President Wheelwright met with members of the Quorum of the Seventy and joined them in a speaking tour around the Taiwan



**ABOVE:** President Wheelwright (fourth from right), his wife, Margaret, and Dr. Paul Marshall with faculty and friends at Xiamen University. Wheelwright and Marshall were awarded with Honorary Professorships for the work with the university's business program.

**RIGHT:** President Wheelwright talks with the Dean of Zhejiang University Business School (located in Hangzhou), ZhongMing Wang.

Mission. Four of the Seventy he travelled with were BYUH alumni.

"Elder Hallstrom (one of the Seventy who is an alum) gave the best pitch for BYU-Hawaii," said President Wheelwright about one specific fireside with the youth of Hong Kong. He added, "After that, each of the other alumni got up and talked about what they learned at BYU-Hawaii. It has been a foundation for the rest of their lives. It was wonderful to see."

— COLLETTE CHARLES

## Second @rtimos concert to focus on unity and peace

**@**rtimos is expected by those involved to be bigger and better this year, with the theme "Soul, Heart and Hand."

Art Saowichit, junior in interdisciplinary studies from Thailand and creator of @rtimos, said, "It's going to be different, but great. I'm very excited." He continued, "I'm working so hard on it, and I think the outcome will be good!"

The performance on March 4 will be focused on unity, love, self-respect and peace. Though additions have just finished on Wednesday, some performances have already been planned, and in total there will be more than 10. Included in these are numbers by the Concert Choir, Broadway Cabaret, a Korean club drum performance and dancers from the Polynesian Cultural Center Maori village.

Also Aissa Mitton, Kelsey Waite, Daniel Lang and Carissa Lang will do a dance number that combines hip-hop and ballet as a symbol of unity, and Lauran McCullough will perform a piano solo.

Benny Kai a longtime emcee for the luaus as the Polynesian Cultural Center, will emcee this event. Saowichit will also show video clips with the intent to raise awareness of the value of the individual, the power of love and unity and to stir the emotions of the audience.

Saowichit also divulged that @rtimos is involved in "secret missions" to make the campus and community a better place. The mysterious missions will be revealed at the show, and Saowichit said he hopes it will help people know that the show is more than just a concert. The @rtimos Website advertises the concert's message as "Soul, Heart and Hand. We must not hesitate. We must go and do. Let our souls glow with charity as we spread hope, love, and joy."

**@rtimos**

**March 4 - 7:15-9:15 p.m.**

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**ABOVE:** Mary Jantalert, as part of last year's @rtimos variety show, presents an authentic Thai dance with others.

**RIGHT:** Kawika Kau'i shares his knowledge of traditional Hawaiian dance also at last year's concert.





## Buses rather than cars line the parking lot as 1,300 Japanese employees arrive for a day at PCC

**T**he Polynesian Cultural Center rented its facilities Friday, Jan. 30 to a multi-level net working company from Japan. Erina Company Incorporated works with supplemental beauty and health products, and as part of its yearly incentive for sales, takes its employees on a retreat. This year Erina brought 1,300 people to Hawaii, including its own tour coordinators.

Seth Casey, of PCC's marketing department, explained that they put forth a proposal to Erina, and were bidding up against several other companies. A site inspection was held, and company officials were given a guided tour and explanation of what a private experience would be like. Casey could not tell us the actual price Erina paid, but said that the PCC has standard rates for any group for a day, rates which other employees said were in the hundreds of thousands.

When the group arrived in its many tour busses, people were immediately welcomed by all the village workers who came to the parking lot to greet them. After a dance from the Hawaiian Village performers, the guests were escorted inside to leisurely explore the PCC.

Vika Keteravu, a junior in education from Fiji, as well as a demo guide for the Fijian village, said, "It came to my mind as we were watching them arrive. 'Oh my gosh, I wonder if they even know how much they are helping us!' I'm just thankful they came."

It is true that this was a great opportunity for the PCC. Casey explained that renting out the facility for a day doesn't happen often, and the last occurrence was more than a couple years ago. Raymond Mokiao, from the Hawaiian Village, said they almost had a group come last year, but it fell through.

As the guests were led from village to village by JTB coordinators, while PCC's own tour guides were stationed in specific places to help them. Sixty tour guides were on staff that day, 45 of which spoke Japanese. Tour guide Mark Levi, a freshman in biology from Washington and returned missionary from the Japan Nagoya Mission, said, "I like being able to work on just one thing today, all day long."

The guests were also able to have dinner and a translated show as the luaus. Former tour guide Saeko Yamashita, senior in international cultural studies from Japan, explained, "They normally don't come to luau because they don't speak English, so they have to go to Ambassador instead." Each of the three luaus was filled to capacity with Japanese translators emceeing at each.

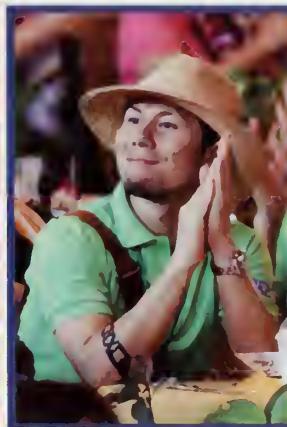
Employees from Iwate, Japan, were excited to be there. One man, back for the fourth time, said, "I love PCC and Honolulu, the temperature, the smell, the spirit, the human interaction." Another enjoyed the fire making and coconut milk of the Samoan village.

After the night show, the young Canadian president of Erina had fireworks arranged as a special surprise for employees.

- APRIL COURTRIGHT



**ABOVE and BELOW:** Employees of the Japan-based Erina Company Inc. are enjoying a dinner and translated luau show at the Polynesian Cultural Center on Friday, Jan. 30. About 1,300 employees were rewarded with a trip to Hawaii and a private day at the PCC through the company's incentive program.



## BYU-TV found on Time Warner cable

**O**ceanic Time Warner Cable, a company that provides television service throughout Hawaii, recently added the BYU Television Network to its digital channel roster.

BYU-TV is now offered on Time Warner's digital channel number 409 at no extra cost to customers who already have a digital converter box and are subscribed to digital programming.

Some of the programming available on BYU-TV includes General Conference sessions, devotionals from all three BYU campuses and other LDS Church-related television shows.

As listed on the BYU Television Network Website, Oceanic Time Warner is one of three television providers that carry BYU-TV in the Hawaiian Islands. The only other services in the Aloha state that offer BYU-TV are Dish Network and DirecTV.

For more information on subscribing to Oceanic Time Warner Cable, you can visit its Website, <http://www.oceanic.com>. For information on BYU Television and the programming offered, its Website is <http://byutv.org>.

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# Opinion: Open, honest communication needed

**BELOW:** Pittsburgh Steelers fans celebrate the Steelers' Super Bowl XLIII football game victory Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, in Pittsburgh.



## What is the equivalent of the U.S. Super Bowl in your country?

**W**hen asked what sport was as big as the Super Bowl in other countries, Dec Ram, 2007 graduate in hospitality and tourism management from Fiji, said, "the Rugby World Cup Sevens. It's every four years, and Fiji is the current defending champion. Everyone watches, and if something goes wrong, like if Fiji is losing, then they'll (the government) turn off the power so the whole country is blacked out."

"Wrestling-Nadaam. It's about once a year, and everyone gets two days off to watch," said Ogi Dorjsuren, freshman in IBM from Mongolia.

"National Baseball. A lot of people dress up with headbands, helmets and they all walk around in the uniforms of the teams playing. The high school baseball tournament 'Koshien' is also pretty big. They do it during summer break and everybody watches," said Kanasa Kinjo, sophomore in Tesol from Japan.

"Rugby World Cup. It's all excitement. Everyone goes crazy. It's rugby fever all over the country," said Jevan Karaitiana, freshman in IBM from New Zealand.

—TRIJSTEN LEACH

**A**t the inauguration of President Wheelwright, prophetic statements about our university were given. One speech in particular was President Henry B. Eyring's about the future and the vision he saw. Here he stated that while what he saw was somewhat dim, "the metaphor of an ideal family points the way."

I graduated from BYUH in December, yet I have taken an interest in keeping in touch with friends and faculty members since my graduation, only to find out their dismay towards the way decisions are being made.

While this is not an attack on the President's Council as individuals, I believe that our "ideal family" could have better communication skills. Many members of our BYUH family have sincere concerns, and in the perfect situation, parents would satisfy the feelings of individuals who disagree with them and either compromise or make sure people who disagree feel heard.

Having question and answer sessions and other important meetings are good, but not providing a way for those meetings to be easily accessed causes dissension and a feeling of mistrust. Yes, the Q and A's are videotaped, but how many people know where to find them? For example, recently we have received more information about the Koolauloa com-

munity plans than we have on our own family council issues. I think the lines of communication between the administration and everyone else are a little fuzzy.

Couldn't someone take minutes of these meetings and a link be placed on our homepage dedicated to the decisions on the table of the administration? That way our BYUH family could better know about things like whether or not teachers can effectively test student's

knowledge comprehensively with limited time to take a final; or what departments are staying or going; or why we are cutting programs instead cutting back on things like AC and electricity usage?

Students at BYUH need to be more aware of these important decisions because they affect our whole family. Each of the three

BYU campuses have their own, distinct mission and purpose. Ours is to create world leaders who will promote peace through the Atonement of Jesus Christ.

President Spencer W. Kimball said that "we [at BYUH] must have the courage to challenge, if needs be, the whole world." Let's put faith in each other to be that "ideal family" President Eyring envisioned and unite our family through communication in more effective and accessible ways.

—SARAH DAVIS



## CAMPUS & TOWN CALENDAR

### 5 THURSDAY

#### CAMPUS

- 11 am scb abortion debate
- 11 am aud els w/Hal Wing
- 11 am lth Faculty mtg
- 2pm acr 155/65 FM & A
- 5:30 pm wbball & 7:30 pm cacmbball vs Grand Canyon U
- 5 pm acr 155 Q&A w/President

#### TOWN

- Hot Preview Lecture: Abduction from the Seraglio W.A. Mozart for more info call 808 532.8700

### 6 FRIDAY

#### CAMPUS

- 7:30 pm cac Performance Series "Cerro Negro" (Latin Music) \$
- ACB BYUHSA Dance
- No School Movie
- Payday

#### TOWN

- Punahou Carnival for more information call 808 944 5711
- "Live from the Lawn" at the Hawaii State Art Museum: Poetry, Opera and Jazz" for more info call 808 586.0307

### 7 SATURDAY

#### CAMPUS

- 5-9 pm little circle Foodfest
- No School Movie

#### TOWN

- On the Spot: Outrageous Improv Comedy for more info call 808 521.2903
- Leeward Community College Theater-RubberBand-Dance for more info call 808 455 0385

### 8 SUNDAY

#### CAMPUS

- 6:30 pm aud 3rd stake leadership training
- BYUH 1st stake Ward Firesides

#### TOWN

- 2009 NFL Pro Bowl for more info call 877.750.4400

### 9 MONDAY

#### CAMPUS

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#### TOWN

- TCM Presents: Toshiko Takaezu's Ceramics: Gifts from the Artist for more info call 808.526.1322

### 10 TUESDAY

#### CAMPUS

- 11 am cac devotional w/Henry J. Eyring Jr.
- 7 pm mall/lth BYUHSA Valentine's activity (speed dating)
- Bball away @ Hilo

#### TOWN

- Honolulu Chamber Music Series: The Zemlinsky Quartet for more info call 808.532.8700

### 11 WEDNESDAY

#### CAMPUS

- Bball away @ Hilo
- School colors day

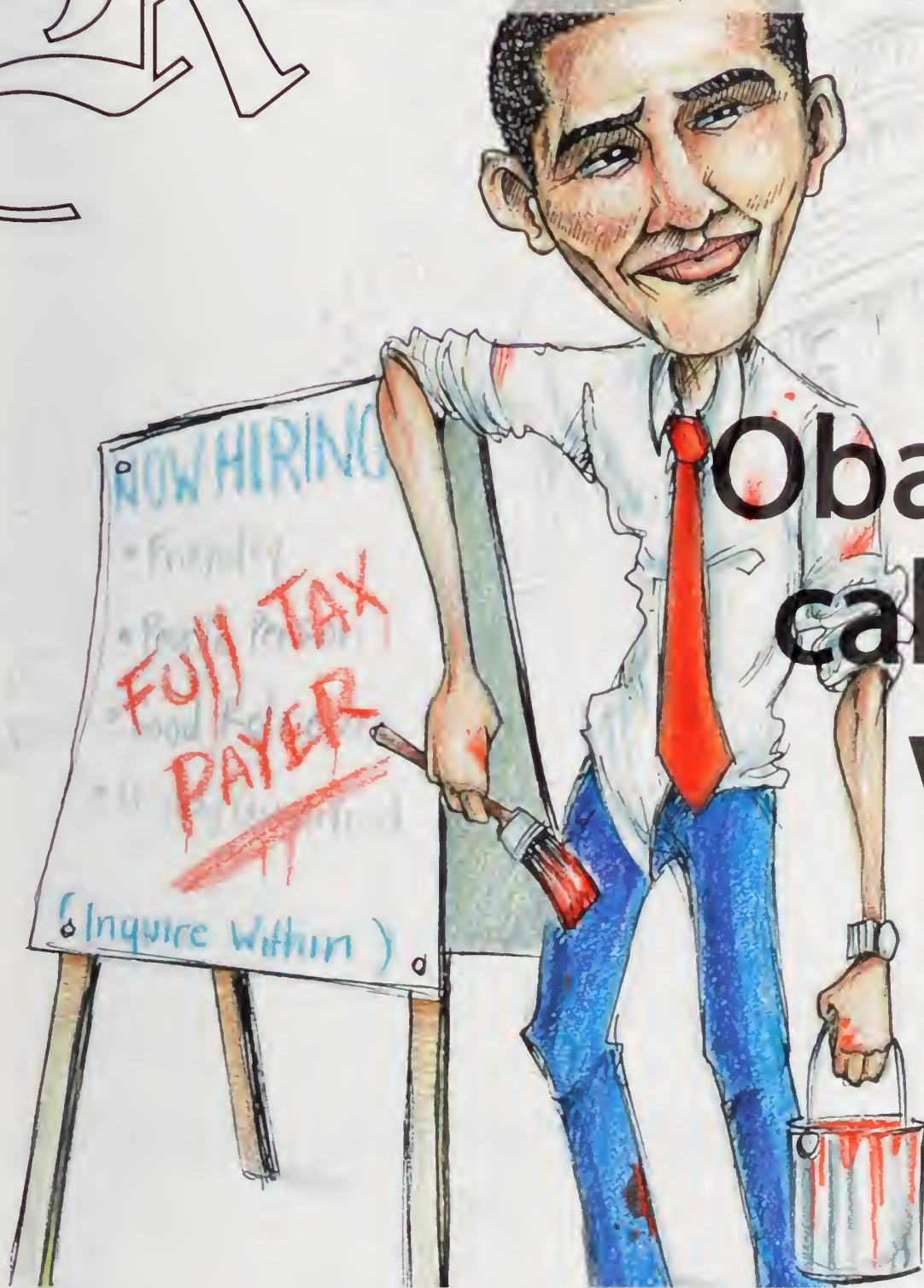
#### TOWN

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# Valentine's Day Classifieds

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Alright ladies, this Saturday is Valentine's Day. Are you still at a loss for a date? Do you want to go out and have a good time this year instead of sitting in your room by yourself? To help you on your quest to find the perfect Valentine's date, we have provided the personal profiles of some of BYU-Hawaii's most eligible bachelors!



**William Henry White**

*"I need a dime, that's top of the line."*

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION:** A stud on the dance floor - you can always count on him to have some killer moves

**LOOKING FOR:** A hot date for his birthday, which happens to be Valentine's Day. He's also interested in finding a bodacious babe to write him while he's on his mission.



**Bart Jolley**

*"All the single ladies, put your hands up!"*

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION:** A dashing and dreamy-eyed artist who's always up for a laugh, you're guaranteed to find him surfing up a storm any day there's a clear sky and great waves

**LOOKING FOR:** A lovely down-to-earth lady who sings her heart out in the shower. Good looks would also be appreciated.



**Travis Kneisly**

*"I'm a sucker for good, hot salsa."*

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION:** A knack for making people laugh, coupled with his lean build and movie star good looks, makes him the perfect catch for any girl. Travis is also a talented pianist - You can see him play with the pep band during basketball games.

**LOOKING FOR:** A girl who loves to laugh and has killer cooking skills

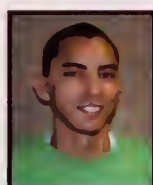


**Jarom Reid**

*"If you like piña colodas and getting caught in the rain..."*

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION:** Known for his hunched back, dilapidated shoulders and emaciated body, he loves learning sweet tricks on his Heelys and is quite the gentleman - he's always willing to lend a hand to the ladies

**LOOKING FOR:** Jarom is looking for the exemplary trophy wife: a beautiful, bold, brilliant, babe.



**Emerson Bustamante**

*"First come, first served."*

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION:** Tall, dark and handsome, with an irresistible personality, this hot tamale is the perfect description of a dream come true.

**LOOKING FOR:** An adventurous and daring girl to help him search for real Hispanic food on the island (Must be prepared to be serenaded by a mariachi band at any given moment)



**Hoon Lee**

*"I give Outrigger Canoe rides!"*

**PERSONAL DESCRIPTION:** Described as the "Asian version" of Brad Pitt, his funny personality will keep you entertained for hours; there is never a dull moment with Hoon.

**LOOKING FOR:** A pleasant Hawaiian woman to take out for Valentine's Day. He's known for his fun and exciting dates!

RACHEL ADAMS AND NICOLE HAMILTON



## The CYNIC'S Guide TO VALENTINE'S DAY



Some people live for the satin-covered boxes of chocolate, red roses and teddy bears of Valentine's Day. Those people will not enjoy this article. This is for those people out there who, single or attached, find little or no pleasure in participating in the love parade.

Now, I'm not saying these cynics should hand out black-frosted cookies in the shape of a broken heart, but an alternative to the general mushiness of the day is definitely in order.

"I told my fiancée that if he bought me a teddy bear, I'd barf," said Janelle Cramer, senior in vocal performance from Alaska, and self-described as ecstatically engaged. "I like classy and roman-

tic, not mushy," she said. Cramer's fiancée, Mikey Parker, junior in international business from California, thinks of V-Day as "a time to show the other person that they are appreciated and important."

Alex Fahey, senior in history education from Georgia thinks Hallmark should back off. "I don't like Valentine's Day," she said. "It's too commercial. I don't see the point in showing your love for someone just on one day," continued Fahey. Andrea Smith, senior in social work from Utah, says she enjoys sappy love, but said of V-Day, "It sucks. Boys here don't date." Laughingly she clarified, "They don't date me." Her solution to the day is one of the best I've heard yet; Smith will be spend-

ing Feb. 14 in the ocean with an oxygen tank and scuba gear.

Who needs a special someone when you can have everyone? Erika Dick, senior in international cultural studies from Iowa, said, "I like to pamper everyone on Valentine's Day! Last year I made cookies and handed them out to everyone in the Aloha Center."

So if the biggest commitments being made sound something like, "I'd like you to be my emergency contact person," here are some ideas for the big day, by level of V-Day cynicism:

ALYSSA HERZINGER

**"I like Valentine's Day, but I don't know what to do."**

The service project at Ponds at Punaluu sounds perfect. Have fun dancing with the residents and bring a little joy to everyone involved.

**"V-Day and I have never gotten along well."**

This person could use a little love. Rent a non-romantic movie, mix up some popcorn with bitter chocolate and invite other V-Day scrooges. Throw in some wilted flowers, Twister and the Game of Life to turn it into a full-blown Anti-Valentine Party.

**"Singles Awareness Day is my least favorite day of the year."**

The all-out cynics should either go alone or take a not-so-sweet-heart to donate blood. Talk about a gift from the heart!



# Flamenco group brings international feel



**ABOVE:** A member of the three-piece Latin music group Cerro Negro strums the strings of his guitar at a Performance Series concert on campus Feb. 6. The group has performed at BYUH before and members said they enjoyed interacting with the crowd who danced and clapped as the trio played and sang in several languages.

**O**le! Students clapped and danced to sounds of Spanish guitar, drums and singing of the Fresno-born Latin Jazz Band Cerro Negro on Friday, Feb. 6. For many students the flamenco concert that took place in the Cannon Activities Center was the place to be.

"We played here three years ago and it was a good audience. We really enjoyed it," said lead guitarist for the band, Dusty Brough, prior to the concert. The multicultural concert induced ap-

plause and shouts from the crowd as the three-man band showcased their skills through guitar, drum and vocal solos.

Lead singer and percussionist, John Martin, sang in Spanish, Arabic and Portuguese. "I don't speak all the languages fluently. We're students. We're always trying to learn more." To emphasize this, Martin added that he had also taken French in high school. He continued, "I try to be true to pronunciation and get the intent [of the song] right."

Some of the traditional flamenco songs performed featured dancer Niki Coti from Kona, ar-

rayed in a brightly-colored Spanish-style dress. The Latin club also participated in a few songs, dancing to the flamenco beats. "Flamenco dance is more aggressive and includes more passion in the movements, which at times are very sharp," said Latin club dancer Felix Callejas, junior in international business management from El Salvador. He also said, "The music was amazing. They [Cerro Negro] can just jam and make up stuff and it sounds really good."

People who attended the show were impressed by the band's talent and the diversity of the songs. "If I was a Latina," said Anna Smith, junior in art from Kentucky, "it would have taken me back to my roots. My parents speak Spanish and Portuguese so we have this type of music in my house all the time."

Diverse instruments were used during the show. Percussion instruments sounding like rain fall or thunder were used as well as whistling to make bird noises. The cümbüs, or Turkish banjo, was played for several songs sung in Arabic.

"Music is something of the present. It's a present experience. It always changes each time I play, and that's my favorite part about it," said Brough. Cerro Negro is a band that really enjoys what they do. Martin said, "We love to travel and we love to share our music with other cultures and be impressed upon by other music as well."

TRIJSTEN LEACH

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Nā Ho'okama a Pauahi scholarship recipient Louie Agrabante of Wai'anae is currently pursuing his master's degree at Hawai'i Pacific University.



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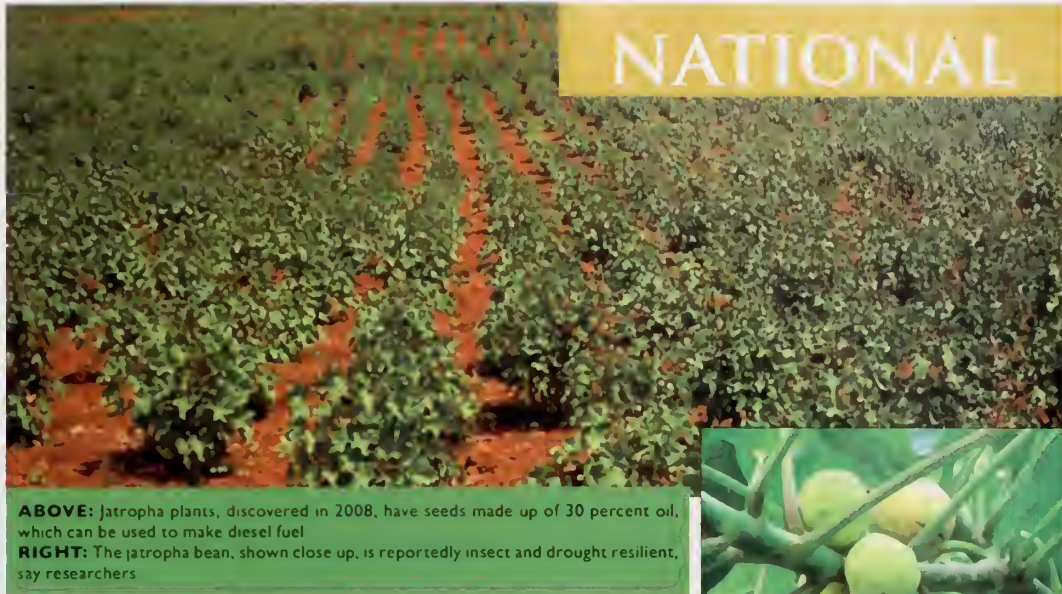
# Jatropha seeds may be the next big biofuel

**J**atropha curcas trees are uncultivated, poisonous trees that grow wild and until recently, their uses were limited and narrowly focused to obscurities such as hosting beneficial bacteria or dyeing linen.

However, in January 2008, the seeds were discovered by scientists at the former Daimler-Chrysler Corp. to contain up to 30 percent oil, which could be used to make diesel fuel.

"I'm all for alternate energy. We need to support research like this even more," said Erika Dick, a senior in international cultural studies from Iowa.

My Dream Fuel, a company founded by brothers Paul and Mark Dalton, devotes itself to the research, protection, and cultivation of these plants. The plants, according to the company's



**ABOVE:** Jatropha plants, discovered in 2008, have seeds made up of 30 percent oil, which can be used to make diesel fuel

**RIGHT:** The jatropha bean, shown close up, is reportedly insect and drought resilient, say researchers



Web site, do not compete with food products for space to grow, as the hardy jatropha tree is resilient to insects and virtually impervious to drought.

In addition, the seed's oil content is four times higher than common biofuel source soybean oil and contains 10 times the oil of corn. Research undergone at Daimler-Chrysler indicated that the seed's remnant stock also makes an excellent fertilizer or feedstock for biomass electricity plants.

"I'm excited to see if it works out," said

Christian Evans, junior in biology from Colorado. "I only hope it has as good a chance as it sounds."

With President Barack Obama's pledge to find environmentally safe energy to run the nation, the jatropha seeds may take root among coal and gasoline as the United States'

— BRETT EVANS

## Smart drugs replace caffeine as study enhancers

**S**timulant drugs, previously used to treat Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), have been on an increasingly high demand by college students. Also called cognitive enhancers, these drugs allow the users to study for hours on end. But, according to researchers, these newly considered "wonder drugs," such as Adderall and Ritalin, have serious side effects.

"The drugs are like the steroids of baseball," said Emilie McDonough, junior from the College of Idaho majoring in psychology. "Is it wrong? Yes. Should it happen? No. Does it happen? Yes."

Students interviewed by National Public Radio

reported taking the drug and finding the ability to study and concentrate for extended periods of time without fatigue. Being easily attainable, Adderall and Ritalin have been sold in dorm rooms, cafeterias and

hallways all over the nation. Costs range from \$5 to \$25 per pill depending on demand.

The highest culprits of selling the drugs are students with Attention Deficit Disorder that hold prescriptions. Some patients take less than the prescribed dose due to the undesirable side effects such as insomnia, paranoia and loss of appetite. They then sell their extra drugs to other students.

"I really think that ADD is over diagnosed and over treated," said John Schisel, junior from the University of Idaho in environmental science. "It provides an avenue for the drug to get around," he added.

Despite the thought that these are "wonder drugs," the prescription medication is amphetamine-based. This means that they can be habit forming.

Studies have shown that some campuses have reported as much as 25 percent of students have taken the drugs within the last year. They increase the brain chemical dopamine, which can lead to high heart rate, anxiety and sleep deprivation.

Victoria Mansfield, a BYU-Hawaii freshman from Virginia in international cultural studies, said, "People are becoming dependant on controlled drugs because they are too lazy to put in their own self-control."

— BEN BUTTARS AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**ABOVE and RIGHT:** Caffeine pills used to be the drug of choice among people who want to stay awake - like college students. Recently prescription drug stimulants like Adderall and Ritalin, are being purchased on campuses as replacements.





# Cleaning Out the CABINET

**Obama has one position to fill and two others to inaugurate into offices due to scandal and tax issues.**

President Barack Obama still has one position to fill and two others to nominate as scandal and tax issues delay completion of the President's Cabinet. The cabinet designations by Obama were made earlier than almost any other United States presidency in the past.

Senator Tom Daschle, who would have headed the Department of Health and Human Services, withdrew his name because of failure to pay more than \$80,000 in past income taxes, and Nancy Killefer who was nominated as a government performance officer withdrew as well due to tax problems. Governor Bill Richardson, who was secretary-designate of commerce, was removed from nomination last month due

to an ongoing federal investigation of actions during his governance in New Mexico.

The investigation of Richardson is said to involve a California company that won business in New Mexico after contributing to causes supported by Richardson. The Governor denies that any wrongdoing took place. Daschle on the other hand came forth and withdrew himself in what some have called "the honorable thing to do."

"We don't have two sets of rules here," Obama said. "The most important thing, from my perspective, is making sure that the American people understand we don't have two sets of rules here, that everybody has responsibilities. In this situation, I take responsibility for it." Obama has yet

to find a replacement for the Department of Health and Human Services position, but has since nominated for commerce secretary Republican Judd Gregg from New Hampshire. Gregg has a formidable resume in government experience, including that of Ranking Member of the Senate Budget Committee.

President Obama has been frustrated by the amount of attention given to these faulty cabinet nominees over the economic crisis at hand. In a recent interview with ABC news he said, "We can't afford glitches, because right now, what I should be spending time talking to you about is how we're going to put three to four million people back to work."

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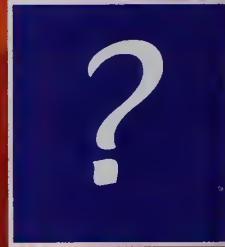
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**ABOVE:** President Barack Obama, accompanied by Vice President Joe Biden, center, and Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., right, walk to the stage. The president announced Gregg as his selection for commerce secretary, Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, during a ceremony at the White House in Washington.

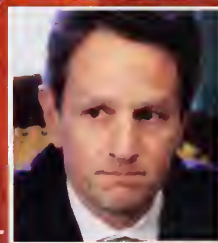
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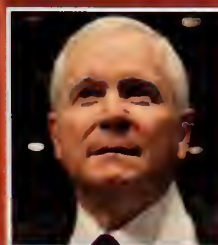


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**BELOW:** Members of the Hawaiian club are preparing food to serve their customers at Winter 2009 FoodFest. The Hawaiian club was just one of the 25 clubs serving food. Many of the clubs ran out of their food halfway through the night, which was one of the few negative comments to be heard about the event.



# FOODFEST

## BIG CROWD CLEANS OUT CLUBS

**A** larger than normal crowd may be the reason why so many clubs ran out of food at BYU-Hawaii's latest FoodFest, held Saturday, Feb. 7, in the Little Circle. The general feeling among those who attended was the food was satisfactory, but by 7:30 p.m. the supply was not.

"The food was so good," said Patricia Beckwith, undeclared junior from South Korea. "There was a lot of diversity. Everyone looked like they were having a good time. The kids playing Rock Band were pretty cute. I was disappointed that some of the clubs ran out of food so fast. But it's good for the clubs because they made lots of money."

"There seemed to be a lot of community members there, and

they looked like they were enjoying themselves," Beckwith added. "It's great to see the community and the students coming together."

Dan Jones, sophomore in accounting from Ogden, Utah, said, "I thought FoodFest was delicious. I got the Tahitian plate. They were very friendly and spoke to me in their native tongue. The food was way good."

"They had live entertainment," he continued. "I thought Rock Band was fun to watch even if the bands weren't that good. The only downside was that it was too expensive. With the prices they had, I could really only eat one thing. I wish they had smaller portions at a cheaper price so that I could try more things."

Almost every club ran out of food

well before people were ready to stop buying. This was great for the clubs involved, but perhaps not so positive for people attending the activity.

"I was really disappointed," said Malea Stanger, sophomore in biology from Hilo. "I waited in line for almost 30 minutes for a roti from the Fijian club, and when I got to the front, they said they didn't have any food at all. They should have told all the people that were waiting that they didn't have anything. I really love roti so I was disappointed. I was surprised that everyone sold out so early."

Not all the clubs, however, did as well as expected.

The Pre-Med club experienced a let-down with its sales: "It was our first time doing a real plate of food.

Even though we sold out of everything, we didn't make quite as much as we had hoped," said Roxanne Miller, senior in biology from California, said. "But we have learned what to do next semester to make more money. Our problem was that we weren't experienced with pricing and portions. But now we know that everyone likes spaghetti and meatballs."

Aside from the Pre-Med club's disappointment, most of the clubs had great success.

Kari Sowler, junior in biology from Alberta, Canada, said she felt really positive about the Dental club's success. "FoodFest was great for us. We sold out of everything and we made a huge profit."

-LUCY CAMMOCK



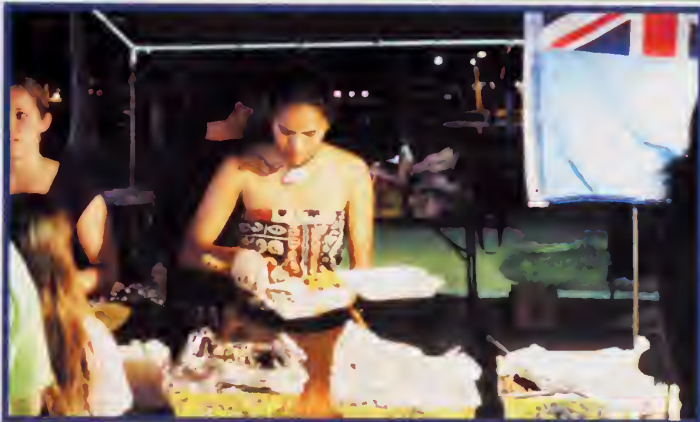


**LEFT:** A member of the Korean club walks around as a human billboard advertising the BBQ available at the club's booth.

**RIGHT:** One of the Korean club chefs barbecues skewered chicken, which was then added to rice and papaya salad to make a plate sold at FoodFest for around \$7

**BELOW:** The massive amount of tickets collected by one of the clubs. Each of the tickets is worth 50 cents and helps pay for the activities and needs of each of the clubs

**BELOW RIGHT:** A member of the Fiji club serving the traditional roti and curry.



**LEFT:** Members of the Latin club serve up meat and chicken tacos.

**BELOW:** Students littered the grass inside the Little Circle as they watched the newly added Rock Band contest.





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## Get ready for the 2009 Business Plan Competition

Individuals and teams of BYU-Hawaii students are currently putting together plans for their business ideas before the approaching Feb. 19 Business Plan Competition submittal deadline. What are the incentives for these students? Perhaps the \$15,000 grand prize that is offered, or the other \$35,000 in cash prizes for other business plan entrants. Yes, those numbers are correct - fifty thousand dollars will be handed out at the Business Plan Competition this year. There's incentive for you.

The competition is part of the upcoming Conference of Champions from Mar. 4-6, targeting students of all majors to learn from a handpicked group of stimulating presenters on a variety of topics. The conference will teach practical ways to improve personal health as a student, spirituality, sharpen your intellect, become a leader, or learn beneficial financial tips.

With a general theme of "Walk with Me" for the conference, the goal is to provide every student with the opportunity to learn life skills by walking with mentors. Often the best way to learn the key to success is to simply "rub shoulders" with a successful somebody. The Conference of Champions will set an ideally intimate venue for such "shoulder-rubbing" where each student is guaranteed to be uplifted.

—NATE WILLIAMS

# New group on campus to invest in its future

Investing is beyond just a course. It has to be a passion. The club was just a catalyst," said Cary Wasden, economics professor and faculty advisor for the newly created investment group on campus.

The investment group was created as Wasden responded to students who expressed interest in investments. "This gives the students a chance to take the knowledge they have gained and extend it.

Our goal is to develop an early awareness in students' minds how to invest, save and build wealth. They will do so by using skills and critical thinking they learn at school."

The class is totally extra curricular to students' normal classes. When asked what he expected to get out of participating in the club, Dan Jones, junior in accounting said, "Even though I don't have money now, I want to gain the analytical skills now so I can invest in the future. I want to learn as much as I can."

The group is working on researching and investing real money. The transactions will be actual, and the money that is generated will then be reinvested into a scholarship fund.

The students will not be using their own

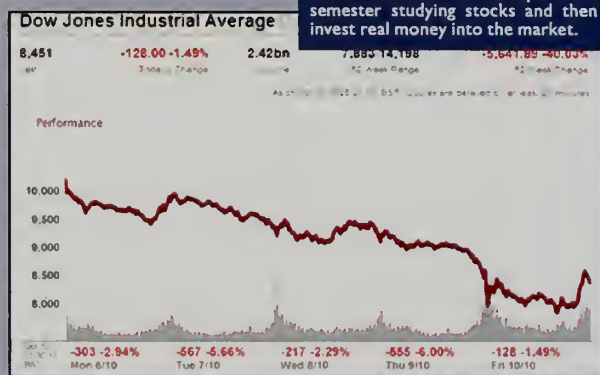
money but will be using capital made available through Wasden.

The group meets once a week, usually on Thursdays, and has stock analysis classes on Saturday mornings. So far the group has had meetings to narrow down the many investment possibilities to five selected themes; Environment, Commodities, Private Equity, Developmental Medicine and Web 2.0. The students are expected to prepare reports that are up to Wall Street standard, said Wasden. "This will definitely be something you can put on your resume," he added.

The group will then research and find areas to invest within those themes. The group wants to focus on investing in themes, rather than individual companies. "Themes determine the world," said Wasden.

The group had its first meeting on Jan. 20, 2009 and currently has over 40 active members. "Anyone can join and we invite others who want to just come and listen to do so. We are even open to suggestions," said Wasden.

—JORDAN FLAKE



## Students asked to take survey, help school

BYU-Hawaii is now participating in a nationwide survey along with 108 other universities. Students who participate in the survey will be eligible for prizes.

All students will receive an email Feb. 10, 2009 with a leadership survey conducted by the Multi-institutional Study of Leadership (MSL). MSL is conducted in partnership with the National Clearinghouse of Leadership Programs (NCLP).

"Students are encouraged to take the survey and not just delete it. This is the first time BYU-Hawaii is going to take the survey and there will be lots of prizes," said Helena Hannonen, BYUH professor who is working with MSL.

"This is a national survey and I hope that students are serious about taking the survey and carefully answer the questions. Our data is dependent on student participation and the quality of responses. Students are building a better future for those who will come to campus later on by the way they respond. We take this study carefully and compare the results with others and use data to enhance our curriculum and programs in leadership," said Hannonen.

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According to the email sent out to students, "Participation is easy and just by completing the survey you will automatically be eligible for \$5,000 in national prizes including drawings for gift cards—specifically two cards at \$500, 10 cards at \$250, and 15 cards at \$100. In addition, BYU-Hawaii will provide a special treat for each participant, a drawing for 50 free T-shirts and a drawing for ten \$20 certificates of your choice (Foodland, Pizza Hut, Subway, or Taco Bell)."

After completion of the survey, students will be prompted to print off their receipt of completion for redemption of prizes. Winners will be selected at random by the survey proctors.

The survey consists of a list of questions that

will help evaluate the level of leadership at BYU-Hawaii. According to the MSL website, "The purpose of the MSL is to contribute to the understanding of college student leadership development."

"This is a good chance for our school to see how we are doing. Students here at BYU-Hawaii have a great responsibility to fulfill the prophecy given to us by David O. McKay," said Hannonen.

The prophecy that she spoke about was given at BYU-Hawaii in 1955. "From this school, I'll tell you, will go men and women whose influence will be felt for good towards the establishment of peace internationally."

As far as the students' opinion of the leadership here on campus, Freddy Ng, senior in pre-professional biology from Hong Kong, said, "Serving [in the Church] helps reinforce the opportunity to be better leaders. Callings in the Church here enhance social and leadership skills."

Students will have until March 2 to complete the 20-minute survey.

—JORDAN FLAKE

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— Helena Hannonen



# EIL program innovates to reach more students, improve English skills

**F**or students at BYU Hawaii whose first language is not English, functioning in a classroom situation can be difficult. The staff of the English as an International Language (EIL) program is trying to change that.

The EIL program at BYUH is in the process of transitioning from a skills-based approach to an integrated approach that, according to EIL director Mark Wolfersberger, will involve a complete curriculum change. Students formerly attended separate classes on speaking and listening, reading and writing, which did not allow them the opportunities to take general education classes. Now, EIL classes are linked to GE classes, so English is a means to an end, instead of the end itself, said Wolfersberger.

He continued, saying that it is not unusual for someone to be fluent in social English, but be unable to communicate academically. He encouraged English speaking students to interact with EIL students academically instead of just exchanging pleasantries.

Another development in the EIL department is that of a distance learning program, headed by Ellen Bunker. So far, 47 students have participated in online classes from countries like Cambodia, Indonesia, Taiwan and Tonga. One of the main struggles with distance learning is the lack of reliable internet in some areas, so the courses have been organized so that only half of the work is done online. Resources that students need to access on Blackboard have been put on CDs to reduce required Internet time.

Distance EIL courses are tailored to students who are close to the English language requirement, and help prepare them to use English in an academic environment.

Bunker said they hope eventually that the distance learning program will amount to 20 percent of classes at BYUH. She noted that adding these classes would be especially helpful for students on internships, as well as those on campus with schedule conflicts.

At many universities in the United States, students receive no credit for English classes taken to reach academic proficiency, while English speaking students receive up to four credits for foreign language classes. Wolfersberger said that BYUH is one of the few schools that gives credit for these classes and that it is a great benefit to international students, who account for more than 40 percent of the student body.

—ALYSSA HERZINGER



**ABOVE:** Campus Security will test out a new text messaging emergency program on Feb. 12. Students, faculty and staff can sign up for the service by going to their myBYUH pages and update their personal information. **RIGHT:** Students interviewed say they support the new security measure.

## Students support using text messaging to warn ohana of emergencies

**C**ampus security officials hope that BYU-Hawaii's campus will be more secure by the end of this week. To accomplish this, security will test run a text-message alert system on Thursday, Feb. 12, to spread urgent news and alerts to students, staff and faculty within seconds.

According to Roy Yamamoto, the BYUH security director, preparation for this system began over a year ago, when the campus staff began researching and comparing companies who offered similar services. The chosen company, 3n—which stands for National Notification Network, is the same company that has been contracted by the Bank of Hawaii, Motorola, Virginia Tech and BYU-Provo for their emergency notification needs.

"For the last couple weeks, we've been encouraging people to sign up," said Yamamoto. "We are going to run our first campus-

wide test Thursday and students who are signed up for the system will receive a test message."

Students can sign up for the service on myBYUH, under the phone numbers portion of their personal information. By simply adding their cell phone numbers and specifying them for emergency notification, they can sign up for the system. The process takes less than a minute from a campus computer.

According to the Associated Press, other universities across the country, which have implemented similar systems, have reported predominant success, marred by only occasional hiccups. Most recently, Jan. 22, students at the University of Florida were surprised and scared by an unauthorized individual's use of the alert system to send a joke message reading, "The monkey got out of the cage." Additionally, on the occasion of the recent Virginia Tech homicide, students who were signed up for the up-



dates did not receive them until, in one case, two hours after the homicide had occurred.

However, BYUH students feel a need for such a system. "I think that's a great idea," said Tessa Brady, undeclared freshman from Oregon. She went on to state that it might be hard for students who don't have phones. Yamamoto said that students can help by encouraging their friends to sign up, and by also spreading the word to students who don't have phones whenever notifications are received.

"It'll be nice to have a quicker way to hear that school's been cancelled," said Dustin Geddes, senior in accounting from Utah. "But if a tsunami hits, I'm going to listen for the big sirens, not for a text message."

"There is a need for it," said Yamamoto, "not just for big emergencies like shootings or accidents, but for small events like school closing. We won't use it for non-emergency information."

Students are encouraged to sign up for the service before Thursday to ensure that it works during the test, but they may sign up at any time. —BRETT EVANS

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— Roy Yamamoto,  
BYUH Security



# SPORTS

## Pro Bowl leaving Hawaii hurts wallets and morale

A 30-year relationship comes to a close this year. The U.S. National Football League's Pro Bowl, which has been played at Oahu's Aloha Stadium since 1980, will be played in Miami, Fla. in 2010. Nearly 50,000 fans filled the Aloha Stadium on Sunday, Feb. 8 in order to celebrate this year's edition of the annual NFC vs. AFC all-star game. This economically stimulating game, raking in as much as \$28 million per year for Hawaii, brought a bittersweet feeling this time around.

"I loved the Pro Bowl," said Becky Ploeger, sophomore in art education from Broomfield, Colorado, who attended the game. "It was an amazing event thanks to Hawaii."

The Hawaii Tourism Authority and the NFL have been working together to negotiate the future of the Pro Bowl. The NFL offered to play the Pro Bowl in Hawaii two out of the next four years, but was turned down because the Hawaii Tourism Authority wanted confirmed dates for those two games. The league countered with an offer to return in 2011 and 2012, if the state pays \$4 million a game and commits to upgrades of the stadium. The state already pays \$4 million per game and has a 5-year \$180 million renovation plan in place.

This year's game was another impressive post-season game for wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald of the Arizona Cardinals. Fitzgerald, who set multiple playoff records with his stellar play this past post-

season, was named MVP of the game with five catches for 81 yards and two touchdowns to help the NFC take the win 30-21. One of the two receptions, considered the highlight catch of the game, came from Drew Brees on a 46-yard pass during the final seconds of the second quarter.

"Watching Fitzgerald score time after time was my favorite part," said Dane Fujiwara, junior in math education from Maui.

The AFC had a 14-3 second quarter lead after a touchdown pass from Peyton Manning to Tony Gonzalez in the first quarter and a nine-yard toss from Kerry Collins to Owen Daniels late in the second. The NFC took advantage of a decent re-

turn on the ensuing kickoff and Fitzgerald did the rest.

Though the game was full of intense plays, some students found the entertainment between halves the most thrilling.

"My favorite part was the half time show," recounted Margaret Sekona, undeclared freshman from Juneau, Alaska. "Ciara and Enrique Iglesias performed together."

— BEN BUTTARS AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**ABOVE:** Fans hold a sign during the fourth quarter asking the NFL to keep the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. It has been here in the islands for the last 30 years. But the NFL wants the state of Hawaii to renovate the stadium before it brings the bowl back to Oahu.

**RIGHT:** AFC running back Marshawn Lynch hangs on to the ball while being tackled during the NFL Pro Bowl football game played at Aloha Stadium on Feb. 7.



## BYUH Tennis returns for another season

The juggernaut of BYU-Hawaii sports is back on campus. Perennial national powerhouses, the Seaside tennis teams hit the courts starting last week. The Seaside men open with a game on Feb. 5 playing against Gustavus Adolphus of St. Peter, Minn., in Laie. The Seaside women are scheduled to begin the season with a game against Grand Canyon as part of a six-day playing series in Phoenix, Ariz., beginning on Feb 10.

BYUH became affiliated with the NCAA Division II in the 1998-99 season and has since won nine

national championships, two for the men, seven for the women. "We are really shaping up," said Justine Gallacci, freshman in exercise and sport

sciences from Washington. "[Our coach] really knows how to motivate us to work hard."

Dr. David T. Porter, head coach of

**RIGHT:** Romeo Juhasz lunges for a ball during a game. The men's tennis team began competing last week on campus and the women's team is scheduled to play this week on the mainland.



both the men's and women's tennis teams, has accrued an unbelievable .972 win percentage since taking over the women's program in 1992. Under his coaching, the Seaside women have totaled 444 wins and only 13 losses in the past 16 seasons. Porter has also garnered a high match record with the men's team since 1984, totaling 546 wins and 115 losses for a .846 win record over 24 seasons.

"I'm interested to see what happens," said Todd Everett, sophomore in biology from Hartford, Conn. "I've heard we have a really talented team and I think they should have some Seaside support. "The men's team will also follow the women out to Phoenix during the six-day series.

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# BYUH plans change to make budget cuts

CAMPUS

This year, BYU-Hawaii is cutting close to \$2.1 million dollars out of the annual budget due to the current economy.

Each year, BYUH, BYU-Idaho and BYU-Provo submit a proposed expenditure budget to the Commissioner of the Church Education System. In the end, the First Presidency, since they are on the Board of Trustees and the Council of the Disposition of Tithes, reviews the budget and determines if it is supportable with the expected tithing income for that year. Because the economy is faltering this year and annual household income is expected to decrease, the estimated amount of tithing is predicted to be lower. This requires all the LDS Church schools to cut money from their budgets.

Although the church does have income from other sources, the BYU schools are paid primarily through tithing funds. The church has the option of taking money from other places but, since they advise members not to spend more than they make, they are deciding to follow this principle by not spending more money than what is coming into

their tithing funds.

"When times are tough, we can't expect it not to affect us. I have all the confidence in the world that the leaders of the church will be guided on where to use tithing and other church funds," said Jacob Hansen, sophomore in business from Reno, Nev.

The First Presidency sent a letter asking each of the schools to reduce their budget to the 2008 budget level. This means spending the same amount of money that was spent last year, even though more money is required for 2009.

President Wheelwright initially submitted a lower than 2008 level expenditure budget to the Commissioner of Church Education for 2009. BYUH was able to do this because they eliminated pockets of the budget that were not being spent from the previous year. Because the other BYU campuses are making a sacrifice, President Wheelwright felt that BYUH should do the same. It was decided that 3 percent would be taken out of all budget categories resulting in the \$2.1 million dollar reduction.

Four main measures are being taken to save money. First, hiring is on freeze. The BYU schools are not hiring any new employees except for student employees. Second, travel costs are being reduced by 20 percent. This is harder for BYUH than the other BYU schools since travel is only possible by plane. This means about 175 less trips taken this year. Third, the amount of money spent on supplies and equipment is being slashed. Lastly, the amount of money spent on projects will be less. The church will only allow projects that are required for safety, code and regulation and the preservation of facilities.

Students can also help with the amount of money spent in the school's budget. Steve Tuel, Budget Director at BYUH, said, "Try and take care of facilities so there is no unnecessary wear and tear of things that cost money to fix." Tueller also suggested that students with jobs should do their best to work an honest day for their pay.

Kylie Hislop, sophomore in history from Morgan, Utah, said, "To keep our resources available, students need to take advantage of what is given. Let's not waste what we're paying for."

— NICOLE HAMILTON

## The exception to the rule: Cultural clothing and the Honor Code

Of all the many rules and regulations within the Honor Code at BYU-Hawaii, there is one notable exception: cultural clothing. With the Polynesian Cultural Center just over the back fence and so much a part of the lives of many students, it can seem like a double standard. Where clothing is monitored so closely on campus, for work a lot of students wear clothing that would be deemed immodest, and they don't really have a choice about it.

At a multicultural campus, numerous opportunities for a clash between clothing and the Honor Code have surfaced. Some of the most notable times are school events such as BYUH Idol and Culture Night. The Honor Code must walk the line between respecting the numerous cultures represented on campus and staying true to the standards of the school. This is difficult because almost all of the costumes at the Polynesian Cultural Center fit under the 'inappropriate for women/men' section of the honor code.

Mele Ha'unga, senior in social work and vice president of family life for BYUHSA, commented, "Half the student body works at the PCC and performs in outfits that are immodest, yet on a one night cultural

thing it becomes an issue."

In the past, there have been issues with students being disqualified or prevented from performing because their clothing goes against honor code and this can become a little confusing for students because of the huge difference between what is acceptable and what is not, Ha'unga mentioned.

To avoid any confusion at the upcoming Culture Night on Feb. 20 and 21, the Honor Code Administration has created a contract that must be signed by each of the clubs. In addition to this, the clubs will create a demonstration outfit to be shown to the administration and will not vary from that outfit on the night of performance.

This contract stipulates that students are required to remain not within the standards of the honor code, but within the standards of the Polynesian Cultural Center. "All of the clubs have signed an agreement that each club will go through an inspection," said Justin Ritchie, BYUHSA honor code representative. Ritchie, a

senior in political science from Las Vegas, added, "The students have already been briefed: if you break the rule you do not perform."

Mele Lesuma, Honor Code advisor from Fiji confirmed that the standards would be those of the Polynesian Cultural Center for the upcoming Culture Night. He added, "When you leave the PCC you must be in standards, unless you are performing at a cultural event. That's not to say that we accept all cultural events."

To help avoid confusion in the future, events that showcase cultural clothing, such as Culture Night, will have to measure up to the PCC clothing standards, like these night show dancers.

"There's a time and a place for everything," continues Ha'unga. "For me personally, if it's appropriate for the occasion, then let it be. Coming to class in (immodest) cultural clothing while knowing the standard is inappropriate."

For some cultures, the question of modesty while performing is moot. "In Malaysia the entire body is fully covered, so it's not really an issue. I don't think it's a big deal to hold to the PCC standards," Hy'unga said.

— LUCY CAMMOCK





# Dancing and service in Punaluu

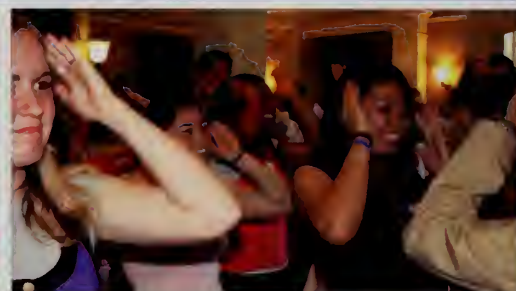
**B**YUHSA and social work students came together to sponsor a dance party this Valentine's Day at the senior living community called the Ponds at Punaluu. The dance was held Feb. 14, giving students and clubs a chance to come and share the holiday festivities and make new friends. With a shuttle supplying transportation to and from BYUH at different times, the activity attracted over 70 volunteers in total, said Adrianna Ika, VP of Service and Learning, and senior in social work from Utah.

Ika also said she was really happy with the turnout at an activity that supported their goal of giving students the opportunity to reach out in service toward the community. and added that "They loved it, they said their residents never felt so young."

Evidence of this youthful enthusiasm and energy could be seen on the faces of old and young at every turn of the head. Michaela Dunlap, junior in international cultural studies from Alaska, commented, "There were some mo-



**ABOVE:** Students meet and greet with residents at the Ponds at Punaluu retirement home. BYUHSA and some social work students came together to host a Valentine's Day activity for the seniors. **BELOW:** Students such as Jarom Reid (left) and Laura Kaler and Saeko Yamashita (right) found fun in dancing with the residents.



ments when I looked around, and everyone was so happy and beaming and it was like, multi-generational joy!"

"Man, and they can dance - wow!" exclaimed Appolonie Nahishakiye, senior in social work from Burundi. "One lady just kept jumping and dancing with me, and she was so

intense, and I was so scared she was going to break her bones!"

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— APRIL COURTRIGHT

## Cerro Negro shares music and culture

**B**YU-Hawaii's Salsa Orchestra had a lesson, not only in music but in history, culture, humanities, and anthropology, as they engaged in an interactive workshop with traveling flamenco fusion group Cerro Negro on Thurs-

day, Feb. 5. Though Cerro Negro originally came to BYU-Hawaii to perform as a part of the university's Performance Series, Dr. Darren Duerden, director of the BYUH Salsa Orchestra, convinced the group to spend some interactive time with his students in a master-class setting, in-

volving teaching of techniques, short performances, and critiques. More than just a simple music lesson, students were engaged in an entire musical and cultural experience as they gleaned from these well-traveled and knowledgeable artists.

Cerro Negro is comprised of lead guitarist, Dusty Brough, rhythm guitarist, Frank Giordano, and percussionist-vocals, John Martin, III. Though much of Cerro Negro's music and background is centered on flamenco music, the group's repertoire, musical influence, and understanding encompass a vast array of cultural music. "Our music is really an amalgamation of a lot of different world cultures," explained Martin. "We take all this and put it together, which is really a reflection of modern times... The whole world is a kind of melting pot, in a sense."

Dr. Duerden said, "I am always looking for opportunities to expose my students to any new and different kinds of world percussion. Having started a world music studies degree, I feel it's really important to expose students to anything that comes in our area. We are isolated enough

[here in Hawaii], we need to take advantage of anything that comes our way."

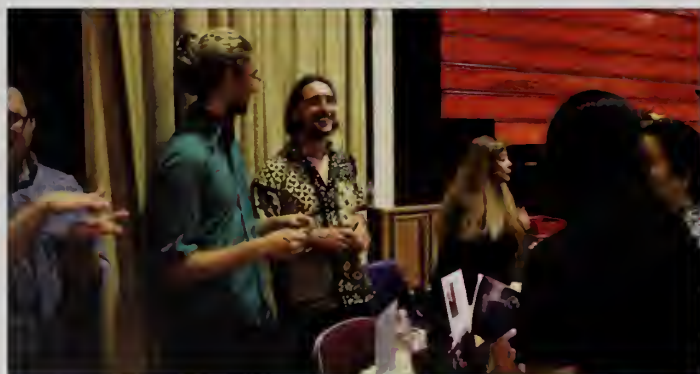
Adrienne Dimond, senior in music from Kauai, said, "I was able to make a lot of connections a lot quicker, than had I just read it in a book. Plus, you can't hear the music when you're reading a book."

Martin, leader of the workshop, not only explained the techniques of flamenco, salsa, bossa nova, and Peruvian styles, but taught the relation between styles. "In the beginning everything is all black and white... but the deeper you get into [the music], the more it becomes just one big smear of cultures because they're all influenced from each other [historically and musically]," said Martin.

"I really love how they talked to us about culture," said Michaela Dunlap, junior in ICS from Sitka, Alaska. "I was just opening my ears and trying to take in everything they said!"

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— LEILANI MILLER



**ABOVE:** Members of the flamenco fusion band Frank Giordano (left) and Dusty Brough after a meeting with salsa orchestra and jazz band students



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## Sports program that promotes peace receives aid from campus club

**T**he Students for International Development (SID) Club on campus is raising money to assist PeacePlayers International. It's a way for BYU-Hawaii and its students to make a difference in the world during Winter Semester 2009, said club organizers.

PPI, as it is colloquially known, is an organization "that uses sport to unite and educate young people in divided communities," according to its webpage. The organization, which has been in operation since 2001, sets children up in teams to play basketball together. PPI founder Scott Tuohey conceived the organization on the

er can learn to live together." So far, the organization has reached more than 45,000 children in Northern Ireland, the Middle East, Cyprus, South Africa, and New Orleans. According to PPI's webpage, leadership takes place among a global network of youth volunteer coaches and mentors.

SID Club president Saeko Yamashita, senior in international cultural studies from Japan, hopes to receive permission to sell inexpensive jewelry outside the Cannon Activities Center after each of the upcoming Culture Night performances in March "and donate all the income to PPI."

Other projects awaiting approval include the sale of lemonade and cookies at the recent FoodFest. "We have authorization to donate the money to a non-governmental organization, but not yet to PPI," said Ema Billings, senior in ICS from Seattle, Wash. From her blog, "blog con ema m. billings para la paz del mundo~," Billings quotes the Dalai Lama: "When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace." Billings is also independently selling bracelets donated by

Clay and Lisa Broadbent, of Provo, Utah, with all of the proceeds going to PPI.

Each semester the club chooses one non-profit/non-governmental organization to raise money for, and PPI was chosen this semester for many reasons. "PPI is one NGO that has been an influential part of our lives and gave us a chance firsthand to witness what their efforts are doing," said April Courtright, senior in ICS from Utah who last semester went to Israel with a group of BYUH students and worked with teenagers in the program.

SID Club focuses its efforts each semester into three different umbrellas: awareness of a problem, education of the solution, and fundraising to help bring it about. This approach, according to Courtright, helps get students interested in humanitarian efforts and increases the network of aid NGOs can fall back on.

"With recent events in the Gaza Strip as well as the current economic decline," said Courtright, "PPI needs our help now more than ever."

— BRETT EVANS

## HOW TO HELP

- Buy bracelets from SID Club member Ema Billings to benefit PeacePlayers International.
- Look for upcoming club fundraising projects.



**TOP LEFT:** Girls participate in a PeacePlayers International workshop in November when a group of BYU-Hawaii students went to Israel and worked with youth there. **ABOVE RIGHT:** BYUH students huddle up with the girls during their trip where Arab and Israeli girls **FAR LEFT** played basketball together. **RIGHT:** Greg Mortenson, the co-founder of the Central Asia Institute and a best-selling author, meets with students in the back country of Pakistan. He raises money to build schools for youth as a non-violent effort to curb terrorism. BYUH students are raising money this semester to donate to his school and community building projects.

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# BOOKS NOT BOMBS

GENUINE GOLD

## HOW TO HELP

### Students raising money for school-building project

A group of students pursuing the intercultural peacebuilding certificate on campus are currently working to support a program called "Pennies for Peace," as part of a class project to "Be the change," as stated by Mahatma Gandhi. The program is part of the non-profit Central Asia Institute (CAI) and works to provide sustainable community-led education as a way to replace ideologies that believe the way to instigate change is through the perpetuation of violence.

BYU-Hawaii students Alyssa Herzinger, Brett Evans, Monique Mulleneaux, Parker Fields, Steve Kamisese, Alicen Nielsen, Anna Daines and Miriam Cabrera are part of this group self-named "Books Not Bombs." Co-founder of (CAI) Greg Mortensen is also an author of the No. 1 New York Times Bestseller, "Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace, One School At A Time." In his book he tells his experiences establishing dozens of schools in rural Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The organization focuses much of its efforts not only on the education of children in general, but

also on the girls and women in societies where their chances for education are slimmer than boys and men. Brett Evans explained, "Since the educational outreach programs are merely guided by CAI, the community and people are the ones who request, lead, and advise on program development. In this way, the programs are designed to most benefit the communities."

Alyssa Herzinger also said that "the Taliban is actively recruiting in these areas, and so the CAI is fighting terrorism by giving these children education."

So in an effort to support the Pennies for Peace program and build awareness of these issues, Books not Bombs is accepting donations in any form, 100 percent of which will be sent directly to the CAI organization. The BYUH student group has already raised more than \$70 walking around at FoodFest with glass jars collecting donations. These jars will also be set up in the Aloha Center, Kahuku High and Intermediate schools, as well as businesses in the Laie Shopping Center. Plans for selling T-shirts are also in the making. Additionally, Alicen Nielsen said the group hopes to hold free movie nights throughout the rest of the semester with films like "Osama" and "The Kite Runner," where donations can also be collected.

—APRIL COURTRIGHT

- Look for "Books not Bombs" donation jars in the Aloha Center, at Kahuku High and Intermediate schools and at businesses in the Laie Shopping Center to contribute to a student class project connected with the "Pennies for Peace" program.

- Purchase "Books not Bombs" T-shirts from students in the group.

- Donate as little or as much as you would like at free movie nights being organized between now and the end of the semester.





# Sri Lankan suicide bomber kills 28

In Colombo, Sri Lanka, a female suicide bomber took the lives of 28 people the morning of Monday, Feb. 9, 2009. The woman, part of the Tamil Tigers terrorist organization, set off the bomb while being searched by Sri Lankan soldiers at a military checkpoint.

"I think that it's ridiculous how many suicide bombings there are every year and it really surprises me that someone would actually kill him or herself just so other people will die," said Colton Eyres, undeclared freshman from Ogden, Utah.

"When I hear of terrorist attacks, I get reminded of Sept. 11, 2001 and the devastation that it caused our nation. When I think of that horrific event, I can't help but feel the sorrow in the hearts of the countries that deal with terrorist attacks," said Ethan Sharratt, freshman in bioengineering from Washington.

A video of the bombing was released by the government and

showed the wounded citizens being attended to by doctors as well as plastic chairs that were rolled over, burned and piled back due to the force of the blast. The video also showed the civilians that were killed by the blast and their family's reactions to the event.

"When people do this to themselves it really disgusts me because of all the innocent civilians that end up dying because they get caught in the collateral damage," said Zack Kampf, freshman in pre-professional biology from Gilbert, Ariz.

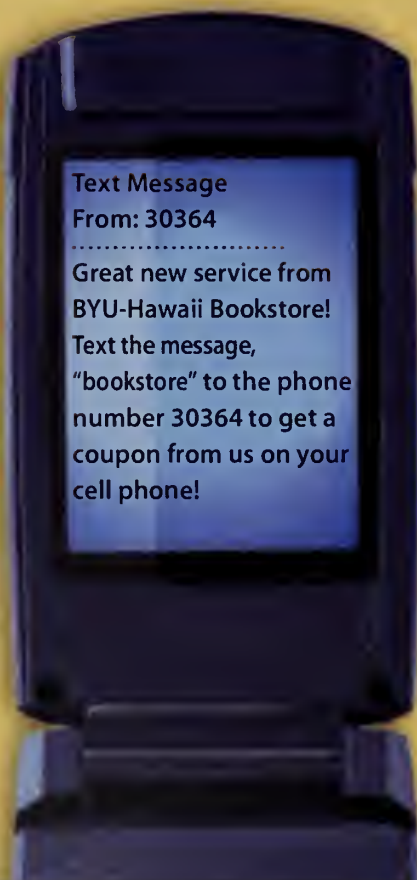
Even after this bombing, the Sri Lankan military claims to be closing in on the Tamil Tiger Rebels. They said to have blocked the Rebels into a strip of land on the northeastern coast of the island. However, the Red Cross says there are some 250,000 people trapped there as well.

—AUSTIN COOK



**ABOVE:** Indian Tamils tear and burn a poster of Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, as they shout slogans against them during a protest asking the Indian government to condemn the Sri Lankan offensive against Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in New Delhi, India, Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009.

**LEFT:** An Indian Tamil using his shoe as a weapon during the same protest.



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# Phelps and his public persona take a hit



Just when the Michael Phelps, now considered the world's greatest swimmer, seemed untouchable, he proved to the world otherwise. On Feb. 1, 2009, a picture made its way to the press in London and now the whole world has seen that the "American Hero" has smoked marijuana. According to a South Carolina sheriff there was not enough evidence to charge Phelps with the misdemeanor that accompanies marijuana usage, but he now faces the possibility of being unable to attend the 2012 Olympics.

The Kellogg's cereal company has already pulled its endorsement of the 14-time gold medal winner and other financial backers have made similar threats. Phelps now faces a three-month suspension from the USA swimming team, which includes his financial backing from the swimming association.

"This is not a situation where any anti-doping rule was violated, but we decided to send a strong message to Michael because he disappointed so many people, particularly the hundreds of thousands of USA Swimming member kids who look up to him as a role model

and a hero," a representative from the Colorado Springs Olympic Training Center said.

The picture of Phelps holding marijuana paraphernalia was taken in November 2008 when Phelps traveled to the University of South Carolina in Columbia to visit his girlfriend.

Some students on the BYU campus, however, were shocked and upset about the news of Phelps.

"What? Michael Phelps smokes pot?" said Amanda Bryant, freshman in psychology from Seattle, Wash.

"If he used marijuana because he needed to relax and get away from all of the attention then I think he approached this problem the wrong way. He has definitely lost all the respect from his friends and family," Bryant added.

When faced with the statement that Michael Phelps smokes marijuana, Carson Monson, freshman in pre-professional biology, said, "Are you talking about the swimmer Michael Phelps? That's ridiculous. I can't believe that someone as looked up to as Michael Phelps smokes marijuana. He will never be looked at the same way again."

—AUSTIN COOK

## Obama signs American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law

**W**ill it Ever End? The economy continues to struggle as President Barack Obama signs the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act into law. The debate over the \$787 billion stimulus plan began even before the President was sworn into office.

On Jan. 8, 2009 the President-Elect addressed America and presented this colossal plan. He outlined how the stimulus plan would jumpstart job-creation and long-term growth amid these times of economical hardship.

This legislation has several key points including: the improvement

of the physical infrastructure, reducing energy costs through a two-fold idea of modernization of gov-

ernment structures and investing in alternative energy production, computerizing healthcare records, and bringing 21st-century technology to classrooms and campuses nationwide.

President Obama said before the passage of the bill that "initial measure of success is creating or saving 4 million jobs. That's bottom line number one, because if people are working, then they've got enough confidence to make purchases, to make investments. Businesses start seeing that consumers are out there with a little more confidence, and they start

making investments, which means they start hiring workers. So step number one, job creation."

"It will be difficult to gauge the economic benefit of stimulus since we won't know how the economy would have performed without stimulus. Indeed I expect the economy to lose another 3 million jobs with stimulus but over 4 million without it," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com, as stated by CNN.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics announced this month that unemployment increased by almost 600,000 jobs in January alone and that in the past year, unemployment has gone up by 4.1 million jobs.

While the stimulus package is a crucial step in Obama's economic stabilization plan, it is not free-standing.

The President's administration is in the process of working out the details of a \$50 billion foreclosure prevention program set to be announced Wednesday.

—CHRISTOPHER DEAN





# "Taken" for a ride

**L**iam Neeson is trying something new: torture, fast paced car chases, killing and reigning chaos down on Paris. But is he convincing? Neeson plays Bryan Mills, an ex-CIA agent in French-director Pierre Morel's second film, "Taken." Mills goes to France to rescue his 17-year-old daughter (Maggie Grace) and soon finds himself at the center of an Albanian human trafficking ring.

Desperate to get his daughter back, and with a mere 96-hour window to do so, the scene is set for a fast-paced action film. Mills starts killing off Albanians immediately. It's a different role for Neeson, and while his acting is convincing enough, there is something lacking in the delivery. Physically, he is not quite right for the role; watching him run is painful and somewhat awkward. However, for the man that was made famous for films like "Schindler's List," his first try in the action genre was good enough.

The film has all of the necessary parts of a classic action film. For a bit of variety, the car chase scene was taken off-road. Mills finds out that some of the girls are kept on a construction site and, once he arrives there, he wastes no time wiping out any and all Albanians that get in his way, which naturally leads to him being pursued by a fleet of sport utility vehicles. The chase comes to an abrupt halt when



**ABOVE:** Former CIA agent, Bryan Mills (Liam Neeson), utilizes his hidden spy skills to save his daughter in "Taken."

Mills drives through a trailer off into the night.

Neeson handles the weight of his role well; he is the only character in the film of any real importance. The large majority of the film is only him and dead-or soon to be dead Albanians. The nationality of his character remains a mystery; at times it seems as though he is going for an American accent, but it is almost impossible to pick up over his thick native Irish twang. If he was not meant to be Irish, he should have been.

The film in some ways is the ideal action film. It is indulgent to the point that it is unbelievable. Mills is a killing machine who remains almost entirely unscathed, and except for one minor incident, he does pretty well under the radar of the French government. This same indulgence is applied to the script, which gives way to cheesiness on more than one occasion with lines like "I'll tear down the Eiffel Tower

if I have to."

But who doesn't like to indulge every once in while. In the end "Taken" was good enough; the pace keeps it interesting almost the entire time. The subject of human trafficking for prostitution is fascinating and Neeson performs well—well enough to make \$24.6 million on opening weekend, Super-bowl weekend for that matter, which is no easy feat. Maybe this won't be the last time we see Neeson on a killing spree.

LUCY CAMMOCK

Rating: 3 out of 5 for great action and acting but a cliché storyline



## BYUH's Spring musical is 'Seussical'

**B**YU-Hawaii's theatre department is presenting "Seussical the Musical" this upcoming weekend, Thursday Feb. 19 to Saturday, Feb. 21.

"Seussical" is a 21st century musical based on the works of Dr. Seuss. Written and composed by Lynn Ahrens and Steven Flaherty, it played on Broadway from November 2000 to May 2001.

The Seuss-themed musical is based around the story of "Horton Hears a Who," whose main characters are Horton the Elephant, played by Denzil Kumar; and JoJo the Who, played by Spencer McCarrey.

There are also special appearances by Dr. Seuss'

characters such as The Cat in the Hat—the musical's narrator—played by Brett Evans.

Elements from other Seuss stories such as "The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz," "McElligot's Pool" and "The Butter Battle Book" are also incorporated to make the show a compilation of all things Seuss.

BYUH's production of "Seussical" is playing in the McKay Auditorium, Feb. 19-21 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$2 for students, \$3 for faculty and \$5 general admission.

— RACHEL ADAMS





# Seasider Buensuceso up for award

SPORTS

**B**righam Young University Hawaii's Virgil (J.R.) Buensuceso has been named by The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in conjunction with The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. (NYSE: HIG) as one of this year's Finalists for the Bob Cousy Award presented by The Hartford, an honor presented annually to the nation's top collegiate point guard. The 17 Finalists were chosen from a pool of over sixty top candidates from NCAA Division I, II and III institutions across the country. The 2009 Finalists were selected by screening committees comprised of media members representing all three divisions of collegiate basketball. Buensuceso, junior in pre-med from Eagle Rock, Calif., is one of only two nominees from the NCAA II ranks.

Buensuceso has helped lead the Seasiders to their highest national ranking ever at number three in the nation. He is nominated

along with point guards from Division I powerhouses University of Connecticut, North Carolina, and UCLA.

Fan voting began on Feb. 5th, in which college basketball fans nationwide have the opportunity to vote for their favorite candidate online at [www.cousyaward.com](http://www.cousyaward.com). The top vote-getter from the on-line poll will receive the "Fan Vote", representing one vote to be cast by the Blue Ribbon committee selecting the Award winner. The Blue Ribbon committee is comprised of Hall of Famers including Bob Cousy, Dean Smith and Jim Calhoun, as well as college coaches from Divisions I, II and III, members of the media and additional college basketball experts and celebrities. The 2009 Bob Cousy Award presented by The Hartford winner will be presented at the NCAA Men's Final Four in Detroit, Michigan on Monday, April 6.

**RIGHT:** BYU's J.R. Buensuceso is a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award, awarded to the nation's top collegiate point guard.

— SCOTT LOWE AND SAM AKINAKA



## Women's softball loses two in a row

**T**he Brigham Young University Hawaii softball team dropped both ends of a non-conference doubleheader Monday, Feb. 16 to Hawaii Pacific. The Seasiders lost the first game 5-3 before losing the second game 8-1 to the Sea Warriors.

**BYU-Hawaii** pitcher Katesha Veazie kept the Seasiders close in the opening game until the defense let her down in the sixth inning. Hawaii Pacific scored an unearned run in the top of the second off Veazie but the Seasiders answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by April Jorgensen. However, the Seasiders committed two errors in the sixth inning as the Sea Warriors scored four times to take a 5-1 lead. BYU-Hawaii rallied in the bottom of the seventh, scoring two runs on RBI singles by Melissa Lehano and Lauren Fielding and bringing the tying run to the plate with just one out. But the rally died on a popup to short and a fly ball to center.

Hawaii Pacific scored in four different in-



Women's softball lost both games of their double-header against the Hawaii Pacific University Sea Warriors. This was their fifth double header of the season.

nings to take an 8-0 lead in game two before the Seasiders scored their lone run of the game on a towering home run by Kahealani Alo-hikea-Betham in the bottom of the sixth. The homer was her third of the season.

The Seasiders will face Chaminade in a non-conference doubleheader on Saturday at Central Oahu Regional Park beginning at 5:00 pm. Both games will be shown on Oceanic Cable's OC16.

—SCOTT LOWE

## Men's and women's basketball defeat Notre Dame de Namur

**T**here was no raining on the Seasiders' parade Tuesday, Feb. 17, as both the BYU-Hawaii men's and women's basketball teams enjoyed a road win over Notre Dame de Namur University.

A leaky roof at the Notre Dame de Namur gym halted play during the women's come-from-behind, 64-61 win. The game was relocated to a nearby high school with 17 minutes to play in the first half. The women finished strong at the new venue, going on an 8-0 run to take a four-point lead with just over a minute to play. The Seasiders held on despite a strong comeback effort by the Argonauts of NDNU. The women are now 5-4 in the Pacific West Conference and 11-10 overall.

The BYUH men's basketball team continued its assault on the record books, defeating NDNU on Tuesday night for the team's 16th straight victory. The Seasiders are ranked first in the PacWest with a perfect 9-0-conference record and have guaranteed at least a tie for the conference title with its 86-52 victory over the now 0-11 Argonauts. BYUH overcame a rain-delayed change of venue and a slow start to improve to 19-1 for the season, good for first place in the NCAA Division II West Region and third in national polls.

—SAM AKINAKA



## Dew[ing]: Three tasks to change your life

Extending three invitations to students based on a trio of principles that were promised to “determine the outcome of your life,” Sheri L. Dew, the first female CEO and president of Deseret Book, came to BYU-Hawaii to speak at the Feb. 17 devotional. The principles discussed by the accomplished Latter-day Saint author and speaker hit home with many students.

“I thought it was really good,” said Courtney Holmes, junior in hospitality and tourism management from California. “I really liked the three main points that she made.”

The first principle Dew talked about was “knowing who you are and that you have a mission.”

“Foreordination is not enough,” Dew explained. “It is, however, a vote of supreme confidence.”

The first invitation she gave to students to find out who they are and what their missions are was to “pray and talk to [Heavenly] Father. Ask him to tell you about you... Study all the scriptures you can find about being a ‘noble and great one’.”

Grace Kwok, sophomore in international

cultural studies from Hong Kong, especially enjoyed this concept. “I think it really helps me understand more why I am here at this time and at this place. I think she demonstrated really good examples of knowing who she is. It helps me to have a greater desire to know who I am.”

The second principle, “understanding who the Savior is and what he did and continues to do for you,” was followed by an invitation to search out promises made by Christ in the scriptures. Dew encouraged students to “put him to the test” and ask Him to fulfill the promises he has made to us.

The last principle was “learning to receive personal revelation; feeling the spirit and hearing the spirit are two different things,” Dew said. The invitation that followed was to “kneel and ask the Lord to teach you what it feels and sounds like for you when he is speaking to you.”

“I was really happy that she talked about the importance of receiving revelation. That’s what we need to survive in these times,” said Michael Weber, a physics and astronomy professor who has been living in Laie since 1999. “Especially when she said that there’s a difference between feeling the spirit and getting answers.”



**Above:** Sheri Dew, president and CEO of Deseret Book, gave the devotional address on Feb. 17 in the CAC. She encouraged students to have strong testimonies and follow the Lord’s counsel.

Dew concluded her address with: “If you know who you are, if you have a witness of Jesus Christ and understand how he will help you, and if you can receive personal revelation, Lucifer will not disrupt your progress and you will fulfill your mission here on earth.”

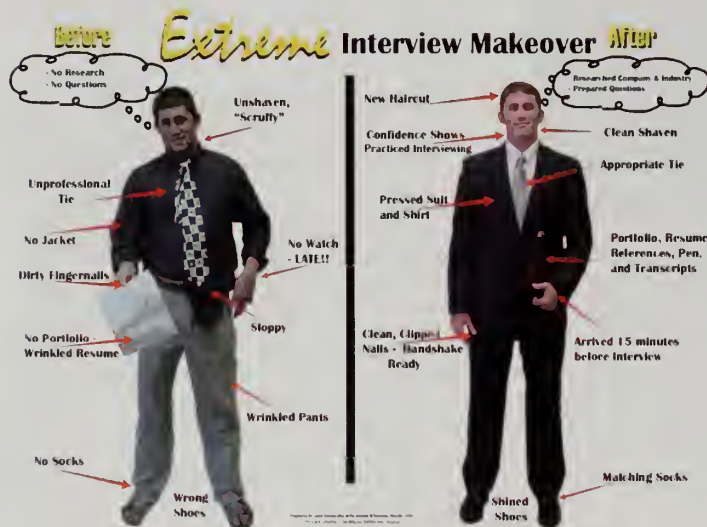
John Dornellas, senior in English from Merritt Island, Fla., said of Dew’s devotional speech, “It was just what the doctor ordered.”

— LUCY CAMMOCK

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# Temple construction update

**B**ecause of current renovations, the Laie temple, once lighted every evening and painted pure white, is now a dark abyss in the night and even gray during the day, when the sun is shining. Its present appearance is quite noticeable, especially since it does not look like the temple Laie has seen for the past 90 years.

All of the temple's paint has been scraped down, through the white topcoat and a layer of green primer paint, to the gray cement, which will eventually be painted again to white.

"This is to make it even more gorgeous than it was before," said temple recorder, Max Purcell.

Don Colton, Associate Dean for the College of Business, Computing, and Government, who resides close enough to see the temple from his house, said, "I do not see the temple lit up at night and the temple is cement gray instead of radiant white. But renovation was needed. I think our lives are like that, too. Before



**ABOVE:** The Laie Temple takes on a gray color, unlike its usual radiant white, as it has been stripped down to the cement underneath.

we put on our radiant whites in the next life, most of us need to strip down to the cement every-so-often and get refinished."

Purcell also noted that they were fixing the roof because of problems with leaks. The letter from the First Presidency said the reason for the Laie Temple renovations is to beautify and bring the temple to current temple standards. This is exactly what is in process.

—NICOLE HAMILTON

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#### Reminder:

You have until **Monday, March 2** to take the BYUH Leadership survey.

Those who take the survey will receive a treat from the testing center and be entered in a national raffle to win \$5,000 in prizes as well as a local drawing for T-shirts and gift certificates.

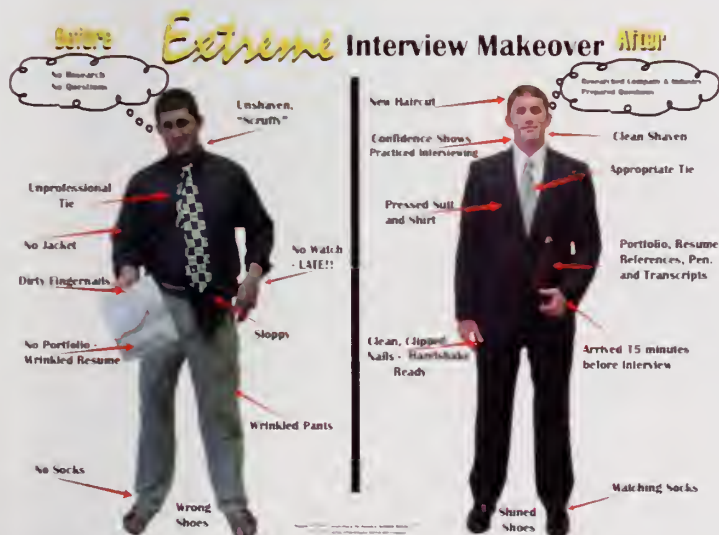
The survey takes about 20 min. to complete and will help raise the level of education here at BYUH.

If you have questions about how to take the survey, contact Helena Hannonen or Paul Freebairn.

# Preparing for Career Fair

The Career Fair will be hosting more than 30 employers who want to hire YOU! Here are some tips for getting that job you've always wanted:

- Research the companies you are interested in
- Bring a copy of your resume, cover letter, and references
- Wear conservative colors such as black, navy blue, or gray
- If possible, women should wear a knee length skirt
- Don't overdue the perfume or aftershave
- Hairstyle should allow the interviewer to see your eyes
- An expensive suit will not compensate for dirty fingernails, messy hair, or wrinkled clothes



We encourage you to attend the Career Fair even if your 'dream' company is not in attendance. The fair will offer you a good experience that you will be able to use as a learning tool for future job interviews.

If you need help preparing for the Career Fair in any way please contact us at [careerservices@byuh.edu](mailto:careerservices@byuh.edu) or 808-675-3533 to schedule an appointment with a Career Advisor.

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## 'Seussical' shines

**S**elling out the McKay Auditorium for two of its three performances, "Seussical the Musical" was a hit on campus this past weekend, Feb. 19-21. The production fully deserved the acclaim that students and other audience members gave it—the costumes were vibrant and original, the vocal performances were impeccable and the play in and of itself is well written and humorous.

"Seussical" tells the story of Horton the Elephant, played by Denzil Kumar, as he discovers the world of Who, the tiniest planet in the sky, located on a small speck of dust. He is then criticized for thinking that people can live on a dust speck, and has to work to protect the people of Who.

Simultaneously, we are introduced to Jojo, played by Spencer McCarrey, as a boy who lives on Who and is the son of the Mayor of Whoville. Jojo is scolded by his parents for having an over-active imagination in school, and they tell him to "think some normal thinks instead."

Throughout the play, the audience is led through the action by The Cat in the Hat, played by Brett Evans, the narrator of the show. He also appears as random smaller characters throughout the play.

"Seussical" encouraged viewers to use their imaginations with the dominant message "Oh the thinks you can think!" It also reminded audience members to count their blessings, which lightened the mood of more serious plot elements with the song "How Lucky You Are!"

The entire cast seemed to fit all of their roles perfectly, and they were all outstanding performers. Brett Evans' portrayal of The Cat in the Hat was exciting and humorous; he did a good job of presenting the character that Dr. Seuss originally created. Another impressive cast member was 13-year-old Spencer McCarrey. The son of Scott and Stacey McCarrey, both of whom work in BYU-Hawaii's Fine Arts department. He tackled the lead role of Jojo very well for someone his age.

The lovable character of Gertrude McFuzz, Horton's next-door-neighbor that is hopelessly in love with him, was impeccably illustrated by Lauren Woodbury. Her songs were not only pleasing to the ear, but they were witty and made the audience fall in love with her character.

Costumes used in the production were vibrant and whimsical, much like the characters in Dr. Seuss' stories. For instance, the costumes of the citizens of Whoville had a quaint retro look with a colorful twist, and that combined with wacky hairstyles and flashy makeup made them all seem as if they truly did belong inside a Dr. Seuss book.

One segment of the production even showcased acrobatic talents. "The Circus McGurkus" gave opportunities for the 'Jungle Citizens' and 'Circus Animals' to perform comic feats of flexibility.

The show was well staged and was performed with an exuberance that kept the audience interested. Overall, very little could be found to critique the show. The cast members had approximately one month of rehearsal before they opened the show Thursday, Feb. 19. The actors and actresses could have been more prepared and used to their roles if rehearsal time had been allotted, however the show was still a success even with such a short preparation period.

RACHEL ADAMS

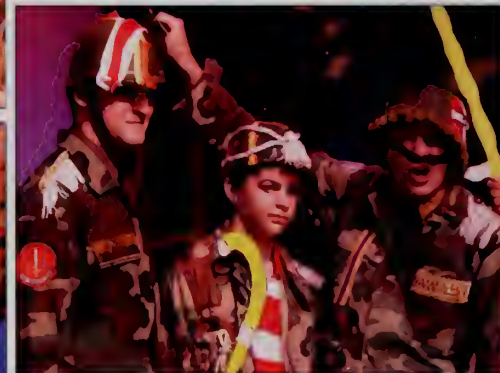
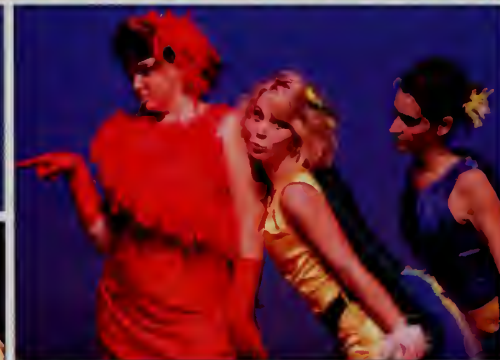
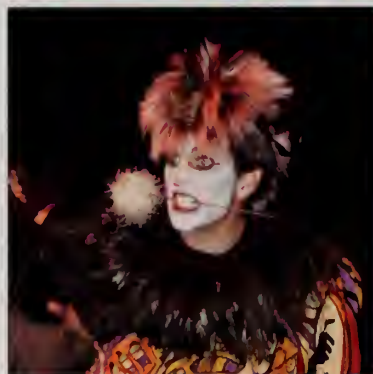
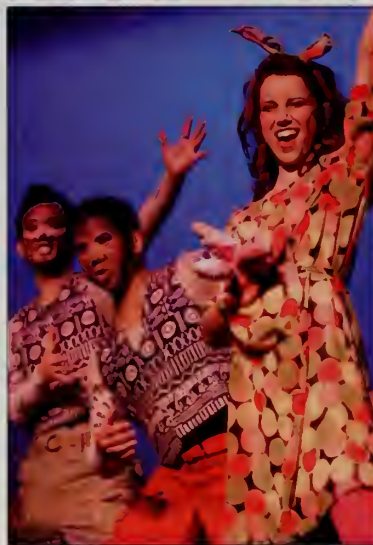


**ABOVE:** Citizens of Who show their agony as their planet falls from the sky.

**RIGHT:** Mayzie La Bird and the bird girls, perform onstage during the show.

**BELOW:** Jojo, the smallest of the Whos, swims with the magical fish of McElligot's pool.

**BELOW RIGHT:** Jojo is sent to boot camp because of his over-active imagination.



**ABOVE LEFT:** Two of the Wickersham Brothers and Sour Kangaroo tell Horton he's the biggest fool in the Jungle of Nool.

**ABOVE:** Mayzie La Bird abandons her egg to vacation in Palm Beach, Fla., where she meets the Cat in the Hat (bottom).

**FAR LEFT:** Horton the Elephant sits on Mayzie's egg while he is serenaded by Gertrude McFuzz, the bird with the one-feathered tail. Mc Fuzz is in love with her neighbor, Horton, though he doesn't know it.

**LEFT:** The clover that holds the entire Who planet is in the mouth of Vlad Vladikoff, the black-bottomed eagle. Vladikoff steals the clover from Horton, the only person who can hear the Whos.



# Student's trip to Israel and Palestine inspires film festival on campus

CAMPUS

During the six days she spent in Israel and Palestine, Ema Billings' life changed dramatically. As a result, Billings, senior in international cultural studies from Seattle, Wash., decided to host a film festival here at BYU-Hawaii so other students can understand and change also.

This Thursday, Feb. 26, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., "Peace Propaganda and the Promised Land" will be screened in the McKay Auditorium. The world premier of "Bil'in My Love," the second film of the festival, will also be shown on Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. in the McKay Auditorium.

Billings was one of nine students who joined Dr. Chad Ford in the Middle East with BYUH's Intercultural Peacebuilding certification program. The group spent 6 days in Israel and Palestine in November where they worked with Is-

raelis and Palestinians to promote peace.

Prior to going, Billings had firm ideas about Palestinian Arabs. "Over the years I had grown to believe negative and dehumanizing stereotypes of the Palestinian people due to the media, the experiences of friends and my own ignorance." Traveling to the Middle East helped Billings to see that her views were simply not true. This experience changed not only her misguided views but also her heart.

"While we there we were able to meet not only Israeli Jews, but also many Palestinians who really pierced my heart. It was as though God had given me a new set of lenses. I saw their humanity [...] and I realized that no matter where we are in the world we are all God's children... in that moment, at the realization of the stereotypes I had, had of these beautiful people a people I easily grew to love."

In an effort to draw attention to the people she loves so much, Billings has organized a film festival to highlight derogatory stereotypes against Palestinians. "My goal is to create awareness of a people that have been traditionally stereotyped negatively in the media. I want our community to see that people are people no matter who they are, where they live or what religion they practice. We all have dreams and hopes. Everyone wants to see their children grow up in a safe environment and experience life to its fullest."

Much of the reason why the Palestinian people are viewed

so negatively is what the media shows, said Billings. The films that will be shown during the festival, such as "Peace, Propaganda and the Promised Land," highlight another side to these people, one which is not often given much media coverage.

Sariah Howard, senior in interdisciplinary studies from La Barge, Wyo., said, "Media has the power to destroy and to create. With this film festival, we get a chance to see the world through someone else's eyes, and to connect with people that are removed from our everyday activities." The goal of the film festival is to highlight the suffering of those living in Israel and in America as well.

Kathleen Majdali, BYUH alumna and current employee has some personal interest in the theme of Billings' festival. She said, "My father is half Palestinian. After 9/11 my mother told us not to talk about the Palestinian part of our heritage because she was afraid of repercussions. Although my father didn't show as much concern shortly after 9/11, he was demoted to a much lower position in his job, working for the City of Los Angeles, for no obvious reason. It has only been in recent months that he has been able to work his way back to the position he held before 9/11. We felt powerless and unable to express the injustice of the situation for fear of things getting worse. There definitely seems to be a fear of Palestinian heritage especially since 2001."

-LUCY CAMMOCK



LEFT: Ema Billings and Aysha, a 12-year-old Palestinian girl, take a photo after basketball practice. Billings is hosting a film festival to help combat ethnic stereotypes.

## Seasider Week changes names and activities

Each year BYU-Hawaii celebrates the founding of the Church College of Hawaii/BYUH in 1955. It highlights the university's prophetic mission to prepare leaders who will influence the world for peace as well as reconnect with alumni, whom President David O. McKay refers to as "Genuine Gold." This week was once called both Homecoming Week and Founders Week, but, this year, from Feb. 5 to Feb. 14, BYUH celebrated this week as Seasider Week.

"The name of the week was changed from Homecoming because it was felt that many students do not know what 'homecoming' is," said David Lucero, director of Student Activities and Leadership. "On most USA campuses, Homecoming centers around football or basketball games and a Homecoming Ball. On this campus, it centers around FoodFest and a conference for alumni leaders, with a few other activities," Lucero said.

Seasider Week consists of many activities for the students at BYUH. The activities this year included a basketball game, a concert by

Cerro Negro, FoodFest, a dance and a service project.

"Seasider Week was not as well advertised in the past as it was this year. It was promoted very well and I enjoyed it," said Kirsten Mills, sophomore in English from Seattle, Wash.

The past Founder's Weeks involved a David O. McKay lecture, but this year's lecture, to be delivered by Keith Roberts, was cancelled last year after he was chosen by a faculty committee. Roberts retired from the university towards the end of the 2008 Winter Semester. No comment was given from President Wheelwright or the university administration as to why the lecture was cancelled.

"I was upset to hear that the lecture was cancelled. I was really looking forward to that part of the week. I had heard so much about the lectures in the past and how good they were. I hope that there will be one next time," said Bonnie Allred, freshman in engineering from Laie.

Other activities that were cancelled in this year's Seasider Week included the alumni conference, Genuine Gold assembly and essay contest. These activities were canceled due to the economy and smaller funds available.

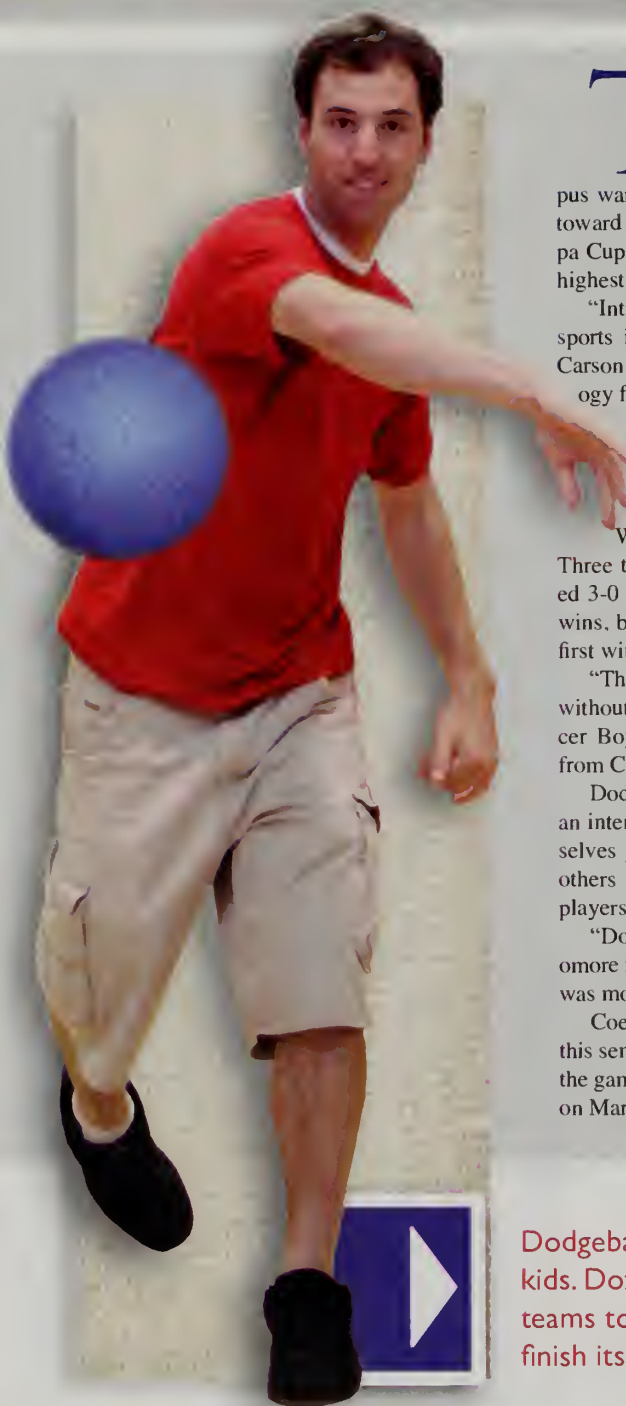
-AUSTIN COOK

RIGHT: Students prepare food for FoodFest, which was part of Seasider Week this year and involved many campus clubs.





# get INTO INTRAMURALS



**T**he Winter 2009 semester has brought another round of intramural sports to fill the time of BYU-Hawaii students.

The past several weeks have seen campus wards' dodgeball and basketball teams compete toward individual championships as well as the Iosepa Cup, an annual award given to the ward with the highest participation and achievement in intramurals.

"Intramurals are a good way for students to play sports in an organized and competitive way," said Carson Monson, freshman in pre-professional biology from Draper, Utah.

Multiple teams formed for the men's basketball league, each hoping to attain points for the prized Iosepa Cup trophy, an intricately carved wooden canoe awarded by President Wheelwright during a celebration banquet. Three teams currently share the lead with undefeated 3-0 records. The Shadow Boxers also have three wins, but a loss this past week dropped them out of first with a 3-1 record.

"The best part is being able to play a serious game without it really being serious," commented the Soccer Boys' Justin Bumgardner, freshman in biology from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dodgeball, though irregularly attended, brought an intense style of play. Multiple wards found themselves just short of the eight-member mark, while others were barely able to squeeze as many as 12 players on the fenced off courts.

"Dodgeball was crazy," said Todd Everette, sophomore in biology from Hartford, Conn., "It obviously was more fun than competitive."

Coed badminton and racquetball were held earlier this semester, while bowling took place Feb. 25-26 in the game center. Sports yet to begin are: floor hockey on March 4, and women's basketball, also in March.

—BEN BUTTARS

Dodgeball isn't just for elementary school kids. Dozens of BYUH students joined teams to play in the tournament that will finish its third day of play Feb. 25th.

## COMING UP

### FLOOR HOCKEY-

**March 4  
Old Gym**

### MENS BASKETBALL-

**Tuesdays and  
Thursdays in  
March  
Old Gym**

### WOMENS BASKETBALL-

**Wednesdays in  
March  
Old Gym**

## WINNERS

### Racquet ball

**1st- Nick Smith  
2nd- Murphy Soli  
3rd- Brady Wood**

### Badminton

**Jonas Orbiso and Ira Paz  
Current Basketball Standings**

**Blazers 3-0**

**Cobra Kai 3-0**

**Free-Play or Die 3-0**

**Shadow Boxers 3-1**

**Soccer Boys 2-2**

**The Mongols 2-2**

**12th Ward & Then Some 2-2**

**M-A-ZING 0-4**

**Screeching Beavers 0-4**

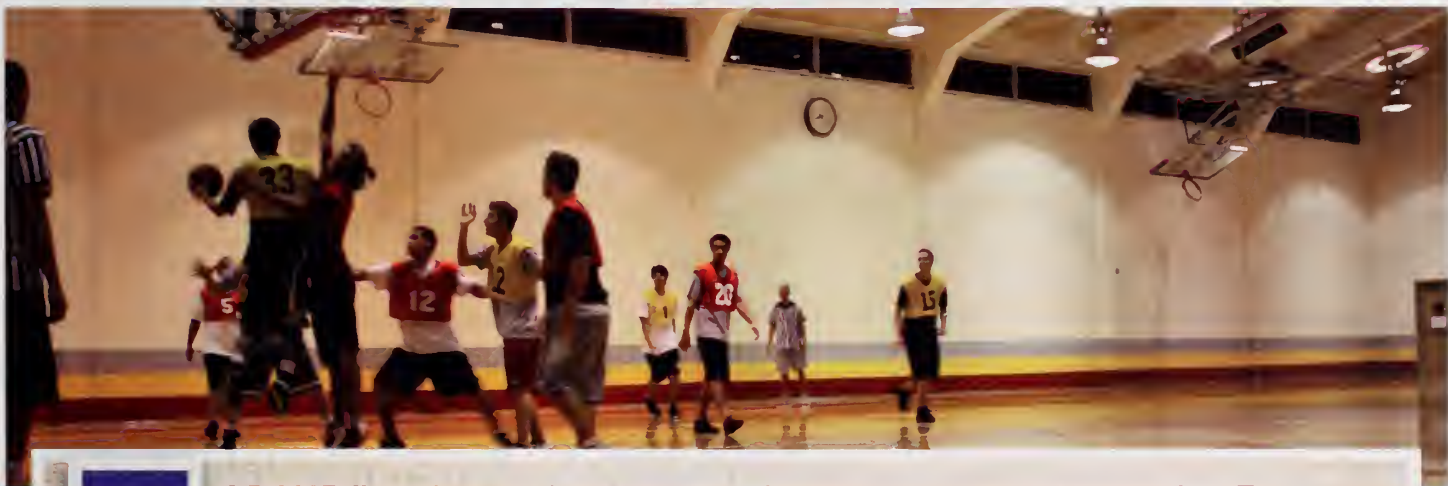
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**FAR LEFT:** Intramural dodgeball champions, the BYUH 7th Ward, just after clinching the win on Feb. 16.

**LEFT:** A student watches a birdie and readies to smash it across the net during the badminton tournament, which was held Feb. 14.



**ABOVE:** Two of the men's intramurals basketball teams playing in the Old Gym. The basketball tournament is ongoing with a current three-way tie between the Blazers, Cobra Kai and Free-Play or Die, and it will run through the end of March. Check out the games on Tuesday and Thursday nights.



## N.Y. plane crash kills 50

Continental Connection Flight 3407 crashed into a Buffalo home, killing all 49 people on board and one person on the ground Thursday, Feb. 12. Due to the prevailing icy conditions, questions were raised on what events took place leading up to the crash. Preliminary reports from the cockpit's communication and other data showed severe pitching and rolling by the plane after the landing gear was lowered.

CNN reported speculations by several aviation expert groups about whether or not the plane was flying on autopilot. Doing so under icy conditions can be dangerous due to the fact that when there are small amounts of ice, the autopilot system can't always detect and account for the frozen moisture. However, recovery of the plane's flight recording system, a small steel covered computer that keeps a record of every system of the plane, will aid the National Transportation Safety Board in discovering the cause.

"In a very personal way, events like this remind us of our mortality," said Rod Butters, 1st officer on a United Boeing Airbus for over 10 years. "It serves as a reminder to not get complacent, to always be ready, ever-vigilant to the possibility of a failure."

William Voss, CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving flight safety, is quoted in The Christian Science Monitor regarding the tactics of prevention and information gathering. "We are proactively looking for those red flags that go up in advance," Mr. Voss said, "We're actually taking data from minor incidents and problems all the way to data from normal flights and analyzing it and looking for anomalies to get the precursor information that tells us



**ABOVE:** Flowers remain as a memorial near a demolition crew removing the adjacent house to the Continental Connection Flight 3407 crash site on Long Street in Clarence, N.Y. All 49 on board were killed in the crash.

**RIGHT:** Mourners of the Flight 3407 crash listen to a sermon during a vigil at the Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church in Clarence, N.Y. on Friday, Feb. 13, 2009.

about crashes that could occur or trends we don't like."

Although the recovery of the flight recorder will allow the investigating groups to find out the actual problems that created the 26-second long duration of flight failure, those results can take months to calculate and measure.

"The industry will investigate and attempt to find its mistake in order to protect the traveling public," Butters continued. "Until then, current pilots must have a respect for adequate training."

This incident ended a two-year record with no fatalities for the commercial flight industry. The record was a milestone not attained in almost 50 years of flight.



—BEN BUTTARS

## IRS offers steps to quick refunds

The Internal Revenue Service is announcing some helpful steps taxpayers can utilize to facilitate a maximum and speedy refund.

According to the IRS Web site, taxpayers can file taxes online regardless of the level of income received during the 2008 fiscal year. In past years, an earning of more than \$56,000 would require a fee to electronically submit tax forms. But starting this year, any level of income will not require a fee to E-file. The most widely used forms are now available on the IRS Web site, and they also include the ability to sign forms electronically.

Instead of waiting six weeks for paper filed taxes, those who electronically submit, or E-file, taxes will receive refunds at a quicker pace.

Student John Dornellas, senior in English from Merritt Island, Fla., after learning about E-filing said, "It would make it nicer because I travel a lot and I would be able to hop on a computer anywhere so location wouldn't matter."

IRS.gov says that taxpayers should look into the numerous tax breaks available and take every credit, deduction and exclusion for which they qualify. It explains that taxpayers who had less income in 2008 may find that they qualify for previously unqualified credits.

Some students have already taken advantage of the new steps and received their refunds..

Donny Hazard, senior in biology from Kern Valley, Calif., said, "I'm going to use the money as gas money on a summer vacation."

Other students are unsure to whether they will receive refunds this year. Such is the case with Stephanie Nielsen, junior in psychology from Escondido, Calif. "Last year I got \$500. This year, I don't know how much I'll get but I would save half and with the other half, I'd spend it on Rocky Road ice cream and thrift store clothing," Nielsen said.

Others know exactly what they plan on doing their refunds. "I'm going to buy a pony," said Mat Sant, junior in international business from Corona, Calif., "and I'll ride it along the beach."

Student Kelsey Waite, sophomore in elementary education from West Jordan, Utah, has plans to go visit the Big Island yet still save the majority of her refund.



**LEFT:** The IRS informs taxpayers of several steps to help quicken tax refunds. Consumers are told to file online through E-file, fill out tax forms electronically and check for all tax breaks available.

—TRISTEN LEACH



# Situation Iraq: War update

Since the commencement of the war in Iraq in 2003, at least 4,250 members of the U.S. military have died. It is also recorded that at least 3,411 of the deaths have been as a result of hostile action.

Since Obama's Inauguration, the president has been pushing to get troops out of Iraq as soon as possible. Obama wants to cut the federal deficit, which at this time totals \$1.3 trillion, in half by the end of his first term by scaling back the spending in Iraq.

Now, after seven years of fighting, troops will begin to come home. The the timeline to get troops back could speed up if Obama keeps campaign promises to have troops out of Iraq within 16 months of taking office.

Military leaders are still determining whether taking out all U.S. troops that quickly would be the best decision. They worry that if troops are taken out too soon many hard-earned gains may be lost due to instability. Peter Mansoor, a retired Army colonel who was the executive officer for Petraeus when the general was in Baghdad overseeing the "surge" of U.S. forces in 2007-08, said "If the president orders it, the military can do it, but whether it's advisable or not is a different story." He continued, "Quite frankly, I don't think it is, given the risk you would incur to potentially upset the political situation."

Derek Beattie, junior in international business from Lethbridge, Canada, said he has concerns about the military's ability to meet

Obama's withdrawal deadline. "I think Obama said that he wanted to get troops out of Iraq so quickly just to get elected. I don't think he should have made a promise without consulting the military generals."

Regardless, U.S. soldiers must meet the 2012 deadline. The Iraqi-U.S. Security Pact, which took effect Jan. 1, 2009, calls for American troops to withdraw from Iraq's cities by June 30 and completely pull out troops by 2012, reports the Associated Press.

While pulling troops from Iraq little by little, more attention is being placed on the growing danger in Afghanistan. Obama has promised to increase the U.S. focus on Afghanistan while decreasing the amount of troops in Iraq, which has around 146,000 troops.

When asked about the situation in Iraq, BYUHSA member Justin Ritchie, senior in political science from Las Vegas, Nev., said, "There was an article in the October 2001 General Conference given by President Hinckley reminding us of the importance of praying for our leaders."

President Barack Obama announced this last week a surge of 17,000 additional forces to bolster the record 38,000 U.S. troops already in Afghanistan. Commanders say the troops are needed to fight a resurgent Taliban that has increased attacks over the last three years. Militants now control wide swaths of rural countryside.

Not only does the military have to worry about taking troops from Iraq and increasing the number of soldiers, but there are also millions of tons of equipment and vehicles that need to be shipped back to the U.S. Some will be sold and left to Iraqi security forces but much of it

has to be safely shipped back to U.S. soil. Outdated material, no longer used by the military, may still be used for training.

Terry Moores, deputy assistant chief of staff for logistics for Marine Corps Central Command, said that in taking out battlefield equipment from Iraq will not be a mass exodus rather something very gradual.

An article in Newsweek reported the U.S. military is working with former Al Qaeda insurgents such as Abu Ahmed who once had influence in Al Qaeda's terrorist networks. Ahmed and people like him provided U.S. military with names of Al Qaeda leaders and their roles in the terrorist group, determining if they can be bought off or convinced to turn from terrorism or in extreme cases arrested or killed. This has helped the U.S. gain advantageous victories in the ongoing war. Newsweek reports, "American officials in Baghdad say the pace of victories against Al Qaeda leaders has picked up in recent months, with the help of up-to-date information from a growing network of former insurgents."

—TRIJSTEN LEACH AND  
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LEFT: Obama plans to pull U.S. soldiers out of Iraq at a steady pace. Regardless of the timeline to get troops out of Iraq, the Iraqi-U.S. Security Pact calls for all U.S. troops to withdraw from Iraq by 2012.

## Satellite collision leaves a big mess

The collision between American and Russian satellites on Feb. 10 left an estimated tens of thousands of pieces of debris that could circle Earth for the next 10,000 years, according to experts. The crash between a derelict Russian military satellite and a working United States Iridium commercial satellite occurred in what has been described as a catastrophic event.

David Wright at the Union of Concerned Scientists' Global Security said the collision had possibly generated tens of thousands of particles larger than one centimeter (half an inch), any of which could significantly damage or even destroy a satellite.

NASA said it was the first-ever high-speed impact between two intact spacecraft — with the Iridium craft weighing 1,235 pounds (560 kilograms) and the Russian craft nearly a ton.

"With the amount of spacecraft and debris in orbit, the probability of collisions is going up

more rapidly," said John Higginbotham, chief executive of Integral Systems Inc., a Lanham, Maryland-based company that runs ground support systems for satellites. Russian Mission Control chief Vladimir Solovyov said the smashup occurred in the busiest part of near-Earth space — some 500 miles (800 kilometers) above Earth.

"The collision offers a literally heaven-sent opportunity for the Obama administration to take forceful, visible and long-overdue measures to address a long-ignored issue of 'space debris,'" said aerospace engineer and space consultant James Oberger.

The U.S. military tracks around 17,000 pieces of debris larger than two to four inches along with some 900 active satellites with little resources to warn satellite operators in the event of collision danger. The main purpose in tracking these objects is to protect the international space station and other manned craft.

—CHRIS DEAN AND  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



ABOVE: A collision between American and Russian satellites on Feb. 10 left a large amount of debris that is predicted to encircle the globe for the next 10,000 years.



## New world found in 3D flick

Neil Gaiman's award-winning story, "Coraline," has been brought to life in the first ever stop-motion 3D feature. Directed by none other than Henry Selick, animation mastermind behind "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993) and "James and the Giant Peach" (1996) the story comes to life in a stunning array of imagination and color. This film delivered everything it promised: a slightly insane fantasy story that keeps you in awe every step of the way.

Coraline is a young girl who discovers a passage into another world through a small door in her new house. The new world seems to be an improved version of her real life, with new parents and friends who adore her. There is one important difference: Everyone here has big black buttons where their eyes should be. And when this seemingly wonderful realm reveals a sinister

secret, Coraline must use all the bravery and resourcefulness she has to set things right.

"Coraline" was a delight, although it may be too frightening at times for young children. Though the 3D feature was intriguing, I would say seeing it in regular 2D would be almost as rewarding. This is good news because most theaters have discontinued 3D showings of the movie. Don't miss "Coraline." I give it an **A**.

—SHEM GREENWOOD



**ABOVE:** The movie "Coraline," directed by Henry Selick, keeps the audience in awe with its slightly eerie aspects.

## Black History Month celebrated in February

February marks the annual Black History Month in the United States. During this month, there are many activities to celebrate African American history. The aim of Black History Month is to celebrate the heroes of Black history in America and to further erase racism from the culture by promoting equality between all races.

This year, First Lady Michelle Obama hosted an event at the White House for nearly 200 sixth and seventh-graders from three local schools to celebrate Black History Month. The event featured "Sweet Honey in the Rock," an award-winning female a cappella ensemble.

According to the Associate Press, Obama seemed surprised when the sixth and seventh-graders said they knew so much about the history of segregation.

"So you guys know your history. That's a good thing," Obama said. "That means your parents and

teachers are doing their jobs."

Obama encouraged them to look beyond the names in the history books and to "think about the extraordinary people who live in your own world" as well as those who play important roles in American history every day.

BYU-Hawaii students expressed mixed feelings about Black History Month and its purpose. Laura Beynon, freshman in international cultural studies from Belchertown, Mass., said, "I think it's good to celebrate other cultures. I'm all for that.... [But] if we're going to celebrate one culture, we should celebrate the rest of them too." However, Brendan Mc Masters, junior in exercise and sports science from Tempe, Ariz., thinks that Black History Month is valid. "I think it's messed up that they gave [African Americans] the shortest month out of all the 12 months in the year."

—RACHEL ADAMS

## 81st Academy Awards



**ABOVE:** British actress Kate Winslet holds the Oscar for best actress for her work in "The Reader" during the 81st Academy Awards Sunday, Feb. 22, 2009, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. For more information and stories about the 81st Academy Awards see <http://KeAlakai.byuh.edu>.

## New setting, more welcoming

The 81st Academy Awards started with an elaborate opening number by this year's unlikely host, Hugh Jackman singing about each of the nominated films.

Ivy Sessions, junior in two-dimensional art from Huntington Beach, Calif., said, "I thought the Broadway theme was interesting. I know that Hugh Jackman is known for his stage acting more than his movies and I think he did a great job."

Each of the five actor awards was introduced by an actor who had won the award in the past, ranging from Halle Berry to Anthony Hopkins. Each actor introduced the nominees, and then welcomed the winner onto the stage to receive the award. The general feeling was a lot more down to earth, and the audience seemed to be enjoying the personal touch.

Heath Ledger received a standing ovation when he was announced as the winner of Best Supporting Actor for his role in Christopher Nolan's, "The Dark Knight."

"Slumdog Millionaire" was a runaway winner taking home a total of eight Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Director to Danny Boyle. Kate Winslet finally took home the Oscar, after being nominated six times, for her performance as Hanna Schmitz in "The Reader." Best Actor went to Sean Penn for his role as Harvey Milk in "Milk."

—LUCY CAMMOCK



# Basketball men clinch PacWest title, women win on the road

**T**he BYU-Hawaii Lady Seasideers scored the final eight points of its Monday night game to come back from a one-point deficit and beat reigning Pacific West champion Grand Canyon University, 75-68 on Feb. 23 in Arizona. The loss deprived the Antelopes of their chance to repeat as PacWest champs this season.

The Lady Seasideers were behind 68-67 with just 2:08 left in play of the game before Dara Tompkinson, freshman guard from Honolulu, started the rally with a lay up and key free throw with 1:12 left in the game. Latoya Willy, senior forward from Laie, scored three free throws followed by a Tompkinson lay up to end the game.

Willy brought 26 points and 16 rebounds to the table for the night. Mahina Gago, junior guard from Las Vegas, Nev., and Richelle Fenenbock, sophomore guard from Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, sank four three-point shots apiece to help the

Lady Seasideer offense.

The Lady Seasideers will face Chaminade in a non-conference game on Friday, Feb. 27 in Laie.

Following the women's game, the Seasideer men continued its unbeaten PacWest season. Improving its game winning streak to 18, the Seasideers defeated Grand Canyon 86-71. The Seasideer clinched the PacWest title with a victory over Dixie St. on Feb. 20 and now have a 21-1 overall season and a perfect 11-0 PacWest record.

Last season's PacWest Player of the year, Lucas Alves, junior forward/center from Casa Branca, Brazil, got in foul trouble early, and fouled out less than five minutes into the second half. The Seasideers left the court at half time with a 43-35 lead. The Antelopes came out fighting in the second half to cut the lead to two. In an aggressive offensive, Alves and Antelope David Cuen received double fouls and Alves received a technical foul to follow, which put him out of the



**ABOVE:** Students cheer on the BYUH men's basketball team in a game earlier this semester, who became PacWest Champions after their win against Dixie State on Feb. 20. The men's team has an overall 21-1 record but an undefeated league season.

game.

Back and forth scoring brought the game to a tie at 55-55 with just over 11 minutes of play left in the game. However, the Seasideers exploded on an aggressive streak to bring the lead up to 64-57. The Seasideers continued to lead until the final buzzer sounded with BYUH ahead by 15.

Trenson Akana, senior guard

from Kaunakakai, Hawaii, scored 15 points to lead the Seasideers, while Nathan Sims, senior forward from Sky Valley, Calif., scored 12 and Jet Chang, freshman guard from Yilan, Taiwan, and Jermaine Odjegba, senior forward from West Palm Beach, Fla., scored 11 each.

The Seasideers will go on to also play Chaminade on Feb. 27 in Laie.

-BEN BUTTARS



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## Pro-life debate centers on when life begins

**M**aking a firm stand against abortion, Fiona Givens led a debate-filled forum recently on what she called "the most divisive topic in America." She focused on "the key question" of when life begins. Givens is a member of the Virginia Society for Life, which is one of the oldest Pro-Life groups in the United States. She said since the court cases of Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion, the number of abortions has skyrocketed. "Abortion is the most common surgical procedure performed on women in the United States," Givens stated.

Forum attendees appeared stunned when she added that one pregnancy in four ends in abortion. After commenting on the reasons given by the Pro-Choice campaign of why abortion should remain legal, Givens said the heart of the debate is not about the rights of the woman, but about the rights of the fetus. "Is the fetus a human being? Is it human life?" she asked. To answer her own question, she cited science by saying that the moment the egg is fertilized, life begins.

Check out these stories from the Ke Alaakai Daily for the past week. Every morning a fresh PDF is uploaded to our Website, so log on to [www.kealakai.byuh.edu](http://www.kealakai.byuh.edu) for the latest and greatest news from "The Leader."

## Family leaves Tennessee to finish degrees in Laie

**L**eaving their home and businesses to finish their degrees at BYU-Hawaii was a decision that "would forever change the course of our family," said Jennifer Youngblood. Though Jennifer and her husband, Patrick, were successful without their degrees, she said they came to BYUH because "we felt a great pull to come to this remarkable university."

"The prompting that led us here came as a complete surprise," Jennifer said. "It's funny how you can think you have your life all planned out in a set direction, but then the Lord has other ideas - thank goodness for that!"

So the Youngbloods picked up everything two years ago, including their two sons, Auston and Cameron, and left their home in Tennessee. They will graduate at the end of the semester. Jennifer is a senior in English and Patrick is a senior in ICS. "We've come to realize that leaving here will be even harder," Jennifer said. The Youngbloods said they love "the aloha spirit that lives in the smiles and the hearts of these remarkable people ... we will always carry a part of this place with us wherever we go."

## Hawaii gives out \$1 rebates

**T**he mention of the words "tax rebate" or "economic stimulus package" can stir excitement as people imagine the added wealth they will receive. However, for Hawaii residents this year, one tax rebate won't amount to more than \$1 per person. In many cases, this rebate isn't even seen by the residents.

Jacob Nihipali, a BYU-Hawaii Financial Services employee who lives in Hauula, said, "I've never even seen or heard of this rebate, and I grew up here." The state

constitution requires taxes be refunded whenever the state ends the year with more than 5 percent of the money collected for the general fund. So even when tax collections are falling short, a tax rebate is still owed if the state's leaders don't spend enough. But they are working to change the rebate requirement.

The rebate, which can be claimed when residents fill out their Hawaii tax forms, was \$1 per person last year for a cost of about \$1 million. The biggest rebate was \$125 in 1989.

## Twitter called newest networking trend

**T**here is a new innovation that the New York Times calls "One of the fastest-growing phenomena on the Internet:" Twitter. According to its Website, [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com), Twitter is defined as "...a service for friends, family and co-workers to communicate and stay connected through the exchange of quick, frequent answers to one simple question: What are you doing?" It is a free service; all that is required is the creation of an online account and you can be instantly connected.

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FRIDAY

Campus

5:30pm wball & 7:30pm cac  
mball vs. Chaminade

7pm "Twilight" & 9:30pm  
"Trader" lth movie

abc BYUHSA Dance

KHS Songfest @ PCC

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SATURDAY

Campus

Noon & 2pm wball

7:30pm aud  
Bradshaw Recital (free)

7pm "Trader" then  
dating game then 9:30pm  
"Twilight" cac movie

bball@Chaminade

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SUNDAY

Campus

BYUH 1st Stake  
Conference  
10am cac

Fireside with member  
of the Quorum of the  
Twelve Elder D. Todd  
Christofferson and  
Elder Lawrence  
6pm cac

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MONDAY

Campus

1&3pm wball

2pm m&w tennis

Peace Week now called  
"One Week" begins  
Information booth  
outside Career Services  
- sign up for Hunger  
Banquet and Open Mic  
Night

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TUESDAY

Campus

11am cac devotional w/  
Voi R. Taecoali

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One Week forum -  
"Cultural Attitudes of  
Peace in the Pacific"  
ac 155/65 3:30-5pm  
6:30pm intramurals  
racquetball 3,4

One Week film and  
discussion International  
Film "Billin My Love"  
aud 7-10pm

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WEDNESDAY

Campus

CIE Conference of  
Champions

1&3pm wball

2pm m tennis

One Week @rtemis  
(free) aud 7:30-9pm

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THURSDAY

Campus

One Week forum "The  
Gospel in Peacebuilding  
with author James Ferrell  
lth 11am-noon  
CIE competition finals  
aud 11am  
cac 5:30 wball  
cac 7:30 mball vs HPU  
One Week Hunger Banquet  
(\$1) ac 155/65 6:30-8pm  
Movie lth 7pm and 9:30pm  
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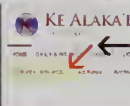
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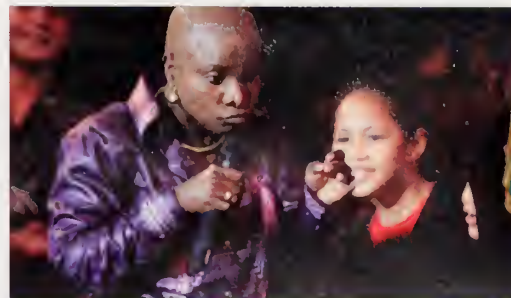
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**Left and Above:** Music artist Angelique Kidjo encouraged the crowd to join her on stage at her Feb. 24 concert in the Cannon Activities Center. As part of the university's Performance Concert Series, Kidjo and her band played to an audience that included BYUH faculty and student from Africa. Band members said they were surprised by the number of Africans there.

## Audience joins singer Kidjo on dance floor, stage at concert

Angelique Kidjo kept the audience busy as both performers and spectators entertained at her Tuesday, Feb. 24 concert. After two introductory songs, Kidjo scolded the crowd for not joining her in the concert on the dance floor provided saying, "Just because I can't see you, doesn't mean I can't feel your energy."

"This is the first place on the tour where you

have a dance floor," she said, "so you better use it." That is exactly what the audience set to do from that point on as the stands emptied and the dance floor filled with people moving and grooving with the rhythm.

"Even before she invited us to dance I couldn't keep still," said Simon Nyowani, senior in political science from Harare, Zimbabwe. Kidjo and the other members of the band were so excited

to see both students and faculty from Africa. Joao Mota, a guitarist in the band said, "I didn't know there would be so many people from Africa here...it was so nice to see that."

Kidjo, a four-time Grammy nominee and a Grammy winner last year, appeared happy to see the reaction from the crowd. It was not long before there were both children and adults on stage, dancing with her and giving high-fives. The band members were no less energetic as they all participated in the action.

By the end of the performance Kidjo escaped quickly, leaving the crowd wanting more, but the band stayed and visited with those who were there.

—CHRIS DEAN

## Institute for Professional Protocol coming to BYUH

In accordance with BYU-Hawaii's mission to prepare students for the next chapters in their lives, a new program entitled International Institute of Professional Protocol (IIPP) has been developed to educate participants about the code of behavior in diverse professional situations.

Sponsored by Barbara Barrington Jones and the Hal and Barbara Jones Foundation, long-time supporters of the university and its mission, the institute is geared toward students developing job-seeking skills and other qualities to help participants stand out in the interview process and the work place.

Scheduled for the week of March 9, just after the Center for International Entrepreneurship's Business Plan Competition, IIPP offers a set of four core classes, one optional class, and an etiquette banquet and other gifts as a reward for completion of the program.

Jones, businesswoman, author, professional speaker, and international image consultant, strives to help students "develop the polish and refinement" needed for the work world. "This is the most difficult time I've ever seen in my life to get a job...you have to stand out! It's all about the interview. It's all about polish and professionalism," she said.

### International Institute for Professional Protocol When: March 11-14

**Class Topics:** Professional Protocol, Dress for Success, Organization Skills, Interviewing Skills, Make-up Techniques for the Job Interview

**Graduates Receive:** Entrance to the etiquette banquet, a briefcase, business cards, and certificate of completion.

**Sign Up:** IIPP Registration desk in the Aloha Center from Feb. 26–March 10 (\$5 registration fee)

President Steven C. Wheelwright also encouraged the principles that the students will learn through IIPP. "A professional presentation is vital in a competitive job market. Skills and tips you'll learn in this training will help you find good jobs and succeed throughout your career."

IIPP is not solely for aspiring businessmen and women but for students of all disciplines. Geared toward the development of professional polish that every hopeful employee needs, IIPP's goal is "to give students the confidence and refinement needed to venture out into the workplace" no matter what profession each student seeks for. "Students have the opportunity to learn skills that will help them to be successful in the job market no matter what their major," said Ashlin White, one of the IIPP speakers.

Jones and the HBJ Foundation's undertakings have previously been hosted by BYU-Hawaii including

last year's "A New You" curriculum as part of a Student Mentoring Program. "The International Institute of Professional Protocol is a very different program," said Jones. Though employing some of the same faculty and topics, the institute focuses on "polish in professionalism and making yourself stand out in the career field. It only takes thirty seconds to make an impression. Make it count!"

Also unlike Jones' past initiatives, IIPP has been developed for both men and women. With certain gender specific subjects, such as dress and protocol, the institute offers two sections, one for women and one for men. Class topics will include professional protocol (for men and women), dress for success (for men and women), organizational skills (coed), professional interview skills (coed), and an optional career appropriate makeup class.

Despite being a new program,

IIPP has drawn quite a list of supporters. Most prominent in this list are the BYUH President's Leadership Council and BYU-Hawaii's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE). SIFE, under the direction of copresidents Ashlin White and Alex Thorson, who passed out information about the institute at the Feb. 26 Career Fair held in the Cannon Activities Center. They are also working at a registration booth in the Aloha Center from now until to March 10 where those interested in enrolling can receive registration materials and pay the five dollar registration fee. The committee chair responsible for the program, Charlene Ignacio, and her committee have worked closely with Jones to assure a successful institute.

White, senior in international business management from Utah, explained, "The skills taught from the International Institute of Professional Protocol will help BYUH students stand out from others when trying to get a job. Imagine waiting outside of an interview and knowing there is only one position available and a whole line of people going in and out of the interview room. What do you do? The IIPP teaches students skills so that they can be the ones who get the jobs."

—LEILANI MILLER



# Handling domestic violence at BYUH

**A**s the world watches singers Chris Brown and Rhianna deal with violence in their relationship, BYU-Hawaii is working to create a firm policy on Domestic Violence here on campus.

It is admittedly a problem, according to members of the school's administration. "Domestic violence happens on campus," said Associate Vice President for Instruction Chad Compton. "Over the years I have been at BYU-Hawaii, I have been aware of cases that involve domestic violence. We are all imperfect individuals and we bring those imperfections with us to campus. I think it's a rare thing, but domestic violence does happen here."

Leilani Auna, who works in the Counseling Center on campus, explained how domestic violence is not only physical violence but also the threat of violence to control another person. This can range from limiting access to funds to full-blown beatings. "A person should never have to live in fear in their own home. A home is supposed to be a safe place," said Auna. She goes on to advise, "Once you've been hit in your relationship, it will get worse. Don't think it won't happen again."

"A lot of times, people don't leave [the relationship] because they don't know where to go," added Auna, who said BYUH has not established

**If anyone feels endangered, they can contact intervention specialist Sherri Edgar-Hansen at (808) 266-0625.**

"a place to go" for anyone that might feel abused in their relationship. But the community provides such a place, the Salvation Army Family Treatment Center, a shelter for women who feel threatened or afraid in their homes.

Sherri Edgar-Hansen, senior in social work from Eugene, Oregon, works as a volunteer on-call intervention specialist. She goes to the homes of women who need help and takes them somewhere safe.

"I have worked with women (students) who have been involved with domestic violence," said Edgar-Hansen. "The main problem is that it goes straight to the bishop and *then* it goes to the Counseling Center and that's where it stops. Leaders

of the church and school are not really willing to look at resources in the community. During the time that I have been doing this kind of work in Hawaii, we have never received any calls from the Counseling Center."

Security Chief Hans Taala agreed, saying, "Often, a bishop will be called, or no one will be told. It will be referred to the Counseling Center if it becomes criminal."

The Honor Code plays a crucial role in facilitating change in people who are abusive to their spouse because it is one of the few areas on campus that is able to enforce consequences for abusive behavior, but there is no firm policy.

There is a zero tolerance policy for any sort of physical violence on campus, except with domestic violence. "If a student is involved in assault and battery or any other form of physical abuse, that student is automatically suspended for 12 months. But there are more considerations given with a situation involving a married couple," said Meli Lesuma, head of the Honor Code Office. "We don't want to penalize the abused partner."

The Counseling Center, Honor Code Office and Security Office are the trio of organizations that deals with this problem and they all say the same thing: "A letter will be sent."

Unfortunately this means there are few resources being provided to those families that need help. But, if you, or anyone you know, are involved in an abusive relationship of any kind, you should make every effort to help these people through the Counseling Center. If any woman is in danger, she should contact Sherri Edgar-Hansen at (808) 266-0625. She said she will help any woman, or man, any time.

—LUCY CAMMOCK



**L to R:** April Courtright, Alfredo Orellana and Heidi Lelle stress over their midterms while studying in the library

## Finding peace amidst the stress of midterms

**W**ith midterm season in full sway, stress levels have the potential to steadily increase. Students are only asked to do their best on exams, but preparation for these tests can sometimes lead to unhealthy stress levels.

Fortunately, many students on campus have found their own ways of handling stress so that they stay calm and healthy during the testing season.

"When I feel that I have a lot of stress, it helps me to just sit down, take a break and watch a

movie or two to take my mind off of the studying and focus it on the movie for a little bit," said Mike Bay, junior in social work from Brigham City, Utah.

"I usually, when faced with a little stress, take a relaxing walk on the beach and clear my mind of the problems in school and try to focus on the sound of the ocean," said Whitney LeBlanc, freshman from Oceanside, Calif.

"When I get a little stressed, I get as prepared as I can and afterwards tell myself not to worry because I have prepared to my potential," said Benjamin Evans, freshman in business from Hawaii Kai, Hawaii.

Elder Stephen Biddulph, from the Student Development Center, also gave some helpful tips in trying to avoid or handle stress.

"First, to avoid stress, it would be best if you, as a student, managed your time wisely to fit in the right amount of relaxing and studying. The second thing to do to avoid stress is to attend class regularly and stay up to date with your school work. The last thing that would help avoid stress is to ask for help early from an instructor or professor," said Biddulph.

"If faced with stress, students should try their best to relax. Students should also eat a healthy diet, get the right amount of sleep, believe in themselves, live the gospel so that the Holy Ghost can bring them peace and, if needed, go see a counselor for assistance in handling their stress," added Biddulph.

—AUSTIN COOK



# Johanson joins BYUH as director of communications

**T**he University Relations and Communications Department has a new director this semester, Michael Johanson, who said he is looking forward to sharing BYU-Hawaii's story with the world.



**ABOVE:** Michael Johanson left Melaleuca in Idaho to join BYUH.

"I am very forward looking by nature. This is an exciting time to be involved and associated with BYU-Hawaii as we look forward to the future and plan and prepare for great things to come," said Johanson.

"The rich and vibrant history of this university has paved the way for significant, even incredible influence by students, professors, and administrators here and around the world. Sharing that story is a wonderful privilege."

Johanson is a Washington-born man who attended BYU-Idaho and BYU in Provo where he graduated with a degree in public relations. He came to BYUH from Idaho Falls, Idaho, where he worked as a communications manager for Melaleuca Inc., an \$860 million worldwide wellness products company.

He and his wife, Katrina, have three daughters. Johanson also speaks Span-

ish as he served a mission in Honduras.

Talking about his job here, Johanson said, "The job of a communicator is never finished. One project can be wrapped up, but there are always five more waiting right around the corner. We're going to focus on becoming more efficient so we can offer more, high-end services to more areas of the university, from admissions to alumni, and everything in between," he said.

Students on campus also shared their opinions on the new communications director.

"I feel he will help improve the Communications Department because I think he will help extend to the school community more," said Jake Gamboa, freshman in pre-biology from Denver, Colo.

"I think the new director will help improve the advertising and communicate to the campus about activities and things that go on in the populous and our humble abode," said Tanner Fulmer, freshman in political science from Palmer, Alaska.

But being the new guy on campus doesn't worry Johanson. "It feels great!" he said. "I love people, and finding out what makes them happy. Come to find out, there's a lot to be happy about here in Hawaii," he said.

Johanson added, "I'm personally not here to impress anyone. There's much to do, and I'm excited and grateful to play a part in the work we have to do here at BYU-Hawaii."

-AUSTIN COOK

# Apostle and Seventy talk at CAC fireside

## Self-improvement, sacrifice and charity

**S**peaking as lead by the Spirit at a BYU-Hawaii fireside and at the end giving the audience an apostolic blessing, Elder D. Todd Christofferson, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Elder Larry R. Lawrence, an Area Authority Seventy from Clovis, Calif., spoke on Sunday, March 1, in the Cannon Activities Center. Elder Christofferson and Elder Lawrence travelled to Laie to establish a new stake presidency for the BYUH 1st Stake and to speak to three student stakes here on campus.



**ABOVE:** Elder D. Todd Christofferson spoke at a special fireside with Elder Larry Lawrence.

Elder Lawrence began by sharing the quote, "Life is a homeward journey," going on to discuss how to seek self-improvement so that one might return to Heavenly Father after this life. Lawrence also challenged those listening to pray and ask the Lord "What lack I yet?"

"I really liked [Elder Lawrence's] challenge for us to ask what we need to improve about ourselves," said Mikah Tuala, freshman in biology from Independence, Mo. "That's something that I can learn from and use in my life."

Elder Christofferson began his message by stating he would speak as prompted by the Holy Ghost and the message he gave discussed how sacrifices must be made in order to follow God's will. He said one must live with their "life upon the altar," always willing to follow the direction of the Lord. Christofferson also focused on having the Holy Ghost as a companion and it being an important key to receiving personal revelation. He cited Moroni 10:5: "And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may know the truth of all things."

Additionally, he discussed spiritual gifts, saying, one gift that all can ask for is the gift of charity. He said charity is a "perfect, pure motive for all you do in life."

At the end of his talk, Christofferson pronounced an apostolic blessing upon all in attendance, and said he wished he could lay his hands upon everyone's head and give them a blessing individually.

"I like how he gave us a blessing," said Marc Christensen, freshman in biology from Sonora, Calif. "It's not often that you get a blessing from a special witness of Christ."

-RACHEL ADAMS

# CAMPUS & TOWN CALENDAR

**6  
FRIDAY**

## Campus

- 11 am aud business plan competition finals awards
- 5:30 pm WB & 7:30 pm CAC MB vs HPU
- 7 am a/cr 55 Q&A w/President
- 7 pm & 9:30 pm th movie
- ACB BYU-SA dance

## Town

- All American Rejects concert for more info call 808-589-1999
- Hot Latin Night for more info call 808-586-0900

**7  
SATURDAY**

## Campus

- 1:30 pm WB & 7:30 pm CAC MB vs HPU
- 7 pm aud piano recital w/Chad Schumacher
- 7 pm & 9:30 pm th movie
- 9 am Intramurals Via Vba

## Town

- Ho'oku Ball for more info call 808-455-4949
- 3 Organic Architects for more info call 808-956-3469

**8  
SUNDAY**

## Campus

- BYUH 2nd Stake Conference

## Town

- Johnny Faerber 10k for more info call 808-295-6777
- Native Hawaiian Health Festival for more info call 808-244-8068

**9  
MONDAY**

## Campus

- 1 & 3 pm WSBa
- Aud setup winter play 3/9-11
- Primary Student Election 3/9-13
- SIFE Week 435-749-0558

## Town

- Whale Tail Full Moon Cruise for more info call 808-306-7273

**10  
TUESDAY**

## Campus

- 11 am CAC devotion w/President Kim B. Clark
- 2 pm M&W Tennis

## Town

- Lincoln Life-A View with Robb Anderson for more info call 808-293-8935
- Art on the Zoo Fence for more info call 808-946-4836

**11  
WEDNESDAY**

## Campus

- 6:30 am-11 pm BYU-SA bbq
- 6 pm acb e/em speed dinner

## Town

- Alphabet Soup Literacy Language & Learning for more info call 808-531-0487

**12  
THURSDAY**

## Campus

- 1 & 3 pm WSBa
- 11 am a/cr 55 Q&A w/President
- 11 am na Q&A w/President then vote 9-2 pm two days
- 7 pm th Film Classic

## Town

- Kuhio Beach Blow for more info call 808-843-8002



## SAVE THE

## WHALES



It's peak whale season in Hawai'i and the official state marine mammal, the humpback whale, is receiving more attention than ever. In a state action Governor Linda Lingle and Lieutenant Governor James R. 'Duke' Aiona, Jr., formally designated last month, and every future February, as Humpback Whale Awareness Month. The official proclamation states the purpose for this as honoring these majestic creatures that "reflect the deep connection the people of Hawai'i share with the sea."

According to the proclamation, up to 10,000 humpback whales arrive yearly to breed and give birth in the warm shallow waters (less than 600 feet deep) surrounding the islands.

These waters, under the direction of U.S. Congress in 1992, became the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, "the only marine protected area in the nation solely devoted to humpback whale protection and conservation of their habitat."

On its Web site, [hawaiiumpbackwhale.noaa.gov](http://hawaiiumpbackwhale.noaa.gov), the marine sanctuary offers information regarding resource protection and the risk issues surrounding these endangered whales and other ocean life, as well as plenty of educational materials about whale life and behavior. They also keep updated calendars of whale watching events and volunteer opportunities, the biggest of which are several ocean count projects. The last Saturday in March will also be the last ocean count day of the season, going from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Interested students and community members can find information online to register for the event.

The Sanctuary reports that the whale watching industry plays a strong role in the state's economy as it contributes approximately \$20 million in total revenue per year. [OahuIslandNews.com](http://OahuIslandNews.com) even reports that Moby Dick author Herman Melville spent nearly a year on Oahu and Maui observing the whale trade in the 1840s. W. Knox Richardson writes, "But now Harpoons have been traded for digital cameras. Just spotting a whale and capturing its photographic image is presently a suitable trophy for a day's outing."

In an act of appreciation, staff members of the Ke Alaka'i took the opportunity to learn more about Hawai'i's beloved creature and one of the many whale-watching adventures offered on the island. For a kama'aina rate of \$31, Star of Honolulu provides a two-hour cruise with free lei making and ukulele lessons, optional lunch buffet at an additional price, and complimentary ginger pills for motion sickness.

With certified naturalists on board to answer questions, and constant overhead narration playing throughout the ship and atop the 60' observation deck, participants get an educational experience while keeping their eyes peeled for spouting or any sign of whale pods.

According to the narration, humpback whales can weigh up to 45 tons, their young need about 150 gallons of milk every day, and their lungs are roughly the size of a compact car. Though it is not hard to see their spouting, catching a glimpse of the whale can be more difficult, when 90 percent of their lives are spent under water. Yet, Star of Honolulu guarantees their cruise and offers free return tickets if no sighting occurs. Happily, this was not necessary.

APRIL COURTRIGHT



## FUN WHALE FACTS

- **Average Length:** (Adult) 35-50 ft (Newborn) 13-16 ft
- **Average Weight:** (Adult) 23-30 tons (Birth) 1-2 tons
- **Lifespan:** Approximately 40 years (1998)
- The flukes (tails) have a distinct pattern on the underside, much like our fingerprints
- The humpback whale breaches more frequently than other baleen whales
- The Pacific humpback's pectoral fins are white underneath & black on top.
- While in their breeding grounds- the whales do NOT eat!
- Whales can stay underwater for 30 minutes but often dive for much shorter periods of time, usually 5 to 10 minutes
- Humpbacks emit high frequency "clicks" reaching 30,000 Hz
- The males produce, in frequencies between 20 and 9,000 Hz, songs that are the longest and the most varied in all the animal kingdom, with repeated sequences about 15 minutes long
- When they are in cold waters, the humpback whale eats 2 tons of fish and planktonic crustaceans a day



**ABOVE:** Tourists and locals aboard Star of Honolulu keep their cameras ready in hopes of catching a whale.

**FAR LEFT:** A family searches for humpback whales while aboard a ship off the coast of Oahu.

**MIDDLE LEFT:** Out among the whale-watching tour ships a sailboat is spotted too.

**LEFT:** An adult humpback whale takes a fluke dive. The fin of a grown whale can be up to a third of its body length and the flukes of the tail have markings that are unique to each individual.

## Suggested Whale Watching Points on Oahu



- 1 Turtle Bay Resort
- 2 Kualoa Ranch (Bunkers)
- 3 Lanikai
- 4 Waimanalo Beach Park
- 5 Diamond Head Lookout
- 6 Magic Island
- 7 Ewa Beach Park
- 8 Ka'ena Point (North Shore)

For more information on whale watching in Hawaii, visit:

[hawaii.humpbackwhale.noaa.gov](http://hawaii.humpbackwhale.noaa.gov)



## Student adventures on the Garden Isle

**K**auai, "the Garden Island," is draped in natural attractions such as scenic hikes and waterfalls. It's the perfect place to snap postcard-like pictures of clear blue water, ideal sunsets, green, luscious land, and eye-catching beaches.

One of the sites to see is Wailua Falls located in the city of Lihue in the Wailua River State Park. The waterfall is about 80 ft. high, says kau-

ai-hawaii.com, with falls that drop in either of three separate segments or one single fall, depending on the water flow.

"I like Wailua Falls best. The amount of water pouring off the cliff was unreal," said Jacob Hansen, sophomore in business from Reno, Nevada.

Wailua Falls is easily accessible because no hiking is required to view the whole waterfall. A view-

point, located on the side of Maalo Road, is designated for sightseeing and picture taking.

There is a trail that leads down to the bottom of the waterfall, though there is a sign at the top that reads, "Danger. Keep Out." The trail is steep and slippery with ropes set up at some of the tougher spots. Once at the bottom of the falls, it is possible to hike under the waterfall, although the only way to get there is to walk on slippery rocks underneath the falling water.

Another one of Kauai's natural landscapes is Hanakapi'ai Falls. It falls 300 ft., says Hawaii-guide.com, down the wall of the Hanakapi'ai Valley. The trail to Hanakapi'ai Falls is located on the Na Pali Coast in west Kauai, at the end of Highway 560 at Ke'e Beach, and two miles into the Kalalau Trail. It can be muddy, so tennis shoes are recommended for hiking. To reach this waterfall, hike Kalalau Trail to Hanakapi'ai Beach. There is an unmaintained trail that distance another two miles inland that leads to the bottom of Hanakapi'ai Falls. On this trail, there are guava trees where fresh guava can be picked and eaten.

Once at the bottom of the waterfall, there is a natural pool you can swim in, and rocks to sit and relax on. It is also possible to swim out to a ledge and stand under the waterfall. Because this hike is a round-trip

of eight miles, plan on a good portion of the day being taken up by this adventure.

"The Hanakapi'ai Falls was my favorite hike on Kauai for the scenery. It was like hiking the coast of Jurassic Park without the dinosaurs. The falls at the end took some time but [it was] well worth the walk," said David McCombs, senior in international cultural studies from Knoxville, Tenn.

Another attraction is Waipo'o Falls located in the middle of Waimea Canyon on Highway 550. It is two tiered and drops 800 ft., says Hawaii-guide.com. While driving in the canyon, at mile marker 10, there is a lookout point where the falls are fully visible although they are far. There is another lookout point just before mile marker 13 and, even though they are closer, the falls still look a long way away.

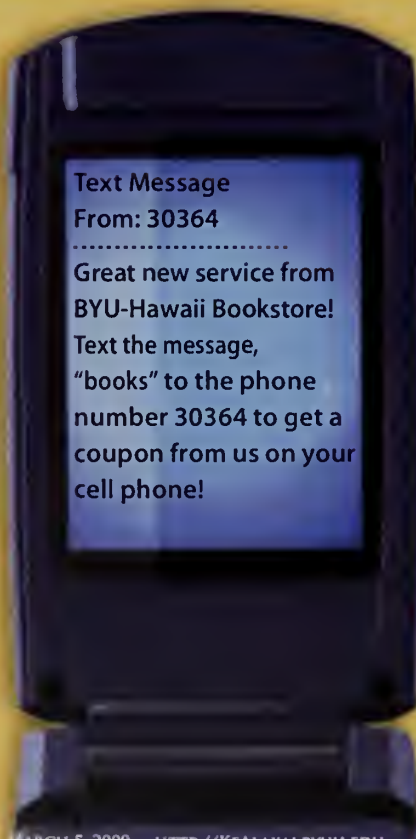
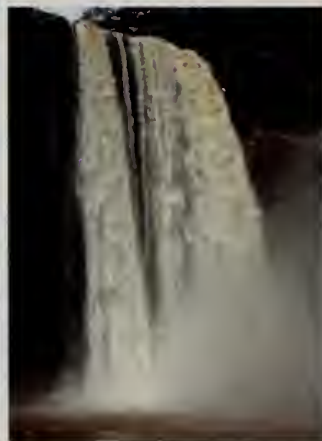
Also on the island between mile markers 14 and 15, there is a trailhead that ends at the top of the falls. While on the hike, you can't see the falls, so the best camera-shot of the whole trip is on the Highway.

At the top, there is a pool of water far enough back from Waipo'o Falls that you can swim in without risk of going over the falls. There is also a miniature waterfall that falls into this pool, which is fun to climb up.

—NICOLE HAMILTON



**FAR LEFT:** Along the green and gorgeous stretch of the Na Pali Coast is an 11 mile trail that ends at the remote Kalalau Beach, unreachable by all but boat, helicopter and foot.  
**LEFT:** Wailua Falls, an 80 ft.-tall waterfall inside Lihue's Wailua River State Park.



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# Obama aims to bring hope to a suffering nation



**ABOVE:** President Barack Obama speaks during a visit to Camp Lejeune, N.C., Friday, Feb. 27, 2009. Obama moved to fulfill the defining promise of his campaign, announcing that all U.S. combat troops will be withdrawn by September 2010.

**P**resident Barack Obama addressed the subjects of energy, education, and health care with the nation during an address at Camp Lejeune, N.C. on Feb. 24. He talked in depth about all these subjects, but the heart of his speech came near the beginning:

"Tonight I want every American to know this: We will rebuild, we will recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before... What is required now is for this country to pull together, confront boldly the challenges we face, and take responsibility for our future once more."

He mentioned the recent passing of the stimulus plan, which he said was important in jump-starting the economy, but it would not be enough. "Now is the time...to not only revive this economy, but to build a new foundation for lasting prosperity," Obama said, and continued, "the budget I submit will invest in the three areas that are absolutely critical to our economic future: energy, health care, and education."

The President addressed the need for America to lead the industry in green technologies, and that part of the economic stimulus was set-aside specifically for this purpose. He said the automotive sector would need to become more environmentally friendly in order to have government aid and to be competitive in the world.

The President could not say what the details of

the health care reform would be, but he did say that it would be done with the goal of "quality, affordable health care for every American."

The third challenge he addressed was the need for education, saying, "In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education is no longer just a pathway to opportunity – it is a pre-requisite." The main education reform goal: for America to have the highest proportion of college graduates in the world by 2020.

President Obama placed pressure on Congress to make laws that would improve the quality of education, make it more affordable, and discussed the importance of families beginning the education process in the home, stating, "In the end, there is no program or policy that can substitute for a mother or father who will attend those parent/teacher conferences, or help with homework after dinner, or turn off the TV, put away the video games, and read to their child. I speak to you not just as a president, but as a father when I say that responsibility for our children's education must begin at home."

Finally, Obama stressed that making deep and lasting changes to the way the economy is run and organized must be done in a spirit of unity and perseverance.

— CHRIS DEAN  
AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Mother of 6 becomes mother of 14

**O**nly two sets of octuplets have ever been delivered in the United States, the latest of which was recently delivered Jan. 26, 2009.

In spite of being delivered nine weeks early, each child was born alive and well, thanks to a team of 52 medical professionals that helped in the delivery process. They are continuing to receive neonatal care at Kaiser Permanente's Bellflower Medical Center, located in Bellflower, Calif., where the babies were born.

Mandhir Gupta, MD, neonatologist at the Bellflower Medical Center said, "At one month old, the babies are doing well. They are alert and responsive to the care our nurses are providing them. In fact, we are slowly introducing them to nipple or bottle feeding a few times a day, and they're getting better and better at coordinating sucking, swallowing and breathing."

The mother is 33-year-old Nadya Suleman. She has had all of her children through the process of in vitro fertilization, and all of the embryos were fertilized by the same man whose name remains undisclosed. One of the complaints against Suleman is that she is irresponsible for having so many children and no way to care for them.

She is divorced, unmarried, currently unemployed and lives in her mother's three-bedroom home with her other six children. With the birth of the octuplets, she has now has 14 children.

Ingunn Sorenson, freshman in psychology from Oslo, Norway, said, "I feel really bad for [Suleman] and her kids. But at the same time, it's really selfish of her to have so many children when she can't care for them."

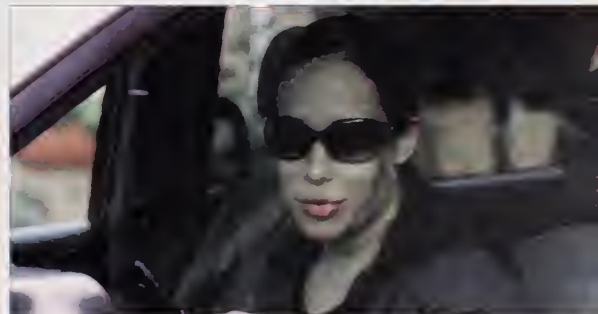
Suleman has relied on food stamps and disability income to provide for her children. Her financial situation will not allow her to pay for the over \$1 million in medical bills from delivering the octuplets and their neonatal care, so the state of California will have to cover the costs using tax funds.

In Ann Curry's interview with Suleman, she asked the mother if she felt she was being irresponsible and selfish by bringing her children into the world without a clear source of income.

Suleman responded, "I know I'll be able to afford them when I'm done with my schooling. If I was just sitting down watching TV and not being as determined as I am to succeed and provide a better future for my children, I believe that would be considered, to a certain degree, selfish."

— RACHEL ADAMS  
AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**RIGHT:** Nadya Suleman, the mother of octuplets leaves her mother's home Friday Feb. 27, 2009 in Whittier, Calif. The eight newborn children join her six other children, though Suleman currently lives on disability and foodstamps. Moral issues have been raised regarding the single mother's financial situation and her brood.





## Opinion: Alum says bring back Homecoming Week

What a missed opportunity to allow the annual "Founder's Week" and "Homecoming Week" to flounder and go lame, as a horse this year. Changing it to "Seasider Week" raises even more questions.

Does anyone know the origin and significance of the name "Seasider?" I'm absolutely confident the "Founder's Day" and "Homecoming" type of remembrance and celebration is a positive contribution to the student body.

With all due respect, I totally disagree with the Ke Alaka'i quotation from David Lucero, the director of Student Activities and Leadership.

If our "many students do not know what homecoming is," let us take some time to explain so they can understand. It will take our quick-study students only a few minutes of explanation to catch on.

"Homecoming" is a great American academic tradition. We do not have it in Asia but many of us have recognized the significance and the poignancy of this concept and reunion.

It is also a very real concept in our lifestyle and beliefs. Missionaries who return home with honor look forward to "Homecoming." At the end of our mortal probation, we all can expect a "Homecoming." Homecoming is a heart-warming concept of returning home to a place we once loved and were loved.

## PCC tests 'Ha: Breath of Life' new night show

BYU-Hawaii students and faculty, Polynesian Cultural Center employees and friends of PCC dancers were all invited to preview the new night show on Wednesday, Feb. 25. The free performance was used to test some elements in the second act of the new show in front of the PCC Board of Directors.

The new show is titled "Ha: The Breath of Life," and will tell the story of a young couple who becomes lost at sea and encounters each of the islands represented at the PCC: Hawaii, Samoa, Aotearoa (New Zealand), Fiji, Tahiti and Tonga.

Ha uses modern dance elements

BYU-Hawaii's concept and celebration of "Founders' Day" is even more significant. We need to be reminded of the sacrifices and toil of yesteryear's quiet heroes and visionaries. We have "all drank from wells we have not dug and warmed by fires we have not kindled".

Remembrance and honoring is essential to our souls. President Spencer Kimball taught us "remembering" is critical to our spiritual well-being.

Even Nephi of old had to constantly remind his immature brothers to REMEMBER - remember the mighty works of the Lord - all the way back to the time when the children of Israel were led out of bondage from Egypt through the parting of the Red Sea.

I'm totally aware of these economic times and the need to streamline. Even in good economic times, we should constantly assess and streamline. There are a lot of activities that can be administered without money, like the essay contest or a fireside. These just need a little coordination, cooperation and imagination.

Would you kindly reconsider this change to provide a sharper focus on the above mentioned significant concepts I consider essential to a BYU-Hawaii experience.

—CHOON JAMES

Past Alumni Association President

blended with the traditional Polynesian dance to create a new hybrid of dancing that they hope will please the audience. The test audience at the preview responded well to the new style, and there was a lot of cheering and clapping before, after and during each performance.

Many of the audience members who knew people in the cast had a fun experience. "I didn't know my friends could dance like that," said Kohei Hanada, junior in TESOL from Fukuoka, Japan, "I was impressed."

—RACHEL ADAMS

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# Men win against Chaminade and bring streak to 20



ABOVE: Lucas Alves dunks one during the game against Chaminade on Feb. 27. The Seaside won the game but players on both teams were thrown out for fighting. BYUH defeated the Silverswords again on Saturday in Honolulu.

**T**he BYU-Hawaii Seaside beat Chaminade, 109-104 and 97-94, in a pair of non-conference men's basketball games this past weekend. The winning streak is now at 20 games, a school record. The Seaside are ranked third nationally and first in the region with a 23-1 overall record.

Chaminade built up an eight-point lead midway through the first half of Friday's game, but the Seaside fought back to tie the score at 51 on a three-point shot from Tenson Akana with 35 seconds left in the half. Chaminade's Jamar Berry hit a tough jumpshot at the buzzer, giving the Silverswords a two-point advantage at the break. The second half upped the intensity as the Seaside battled for the lead. Lucas Alves, junior center/forward from Casa Branca, Brazil, had 28 points

and eight rebounds while Marques Whippy, sophomore guard from Bua, Fiji, and Nathan Sims, senior guard from Sky Valley, Calif., both scored 17 points and pulled down eight rebounds. Akana, senior guard from Kaunakaka'i, Hawaii, finished the night with 15 points and seven rebounds.

Late in the game, play was halted to break up a tussle between Chaminade and Seaside players, which resulted in four ejections: Seaside Akana and Whippy, and Silverswords Berry and Cartier Carter. The intensity of the moment was dispelled somewhat when freshman Travis Kneisly of the Seaside band played the LDS hymn "Where Can I Turn for Peace?" on the keyboard. Boos turned into fits of laughter and cheers for the musical act.

The Seaside finished strong, taking advantage of the Silverswords depleted lineup.

The Seaside traveled to play Chaminade in Honolulu the following day. With Akana, Whippy, and three Silverswords suspended due to the previous night's scuffle, Jet Chang stepped in to fill the void. The freshman from Yilan, Taiwan, scored 32 points on 13-22 shooting, including 4-6 from beyond the arc.

Chang scored 24 of his points in the second half to help BYUH battle back from a 43-41 halftime deficit. Despite three players scoring more than 20 points apiece, the Silverswords couldn't overcome Chang's offense. Chang sparked a ten-point Seaside run late in the game to put BYUH in front for good in a game that was tied 13 times and saw 17 lead changes.

BYUH will face Hawaii Pacific in Laie on Friday, March 6 in its final PacWest conference game of the season.

— BEN BUTTARS

## Softball sweeps doubleheader

**T**he BYU-Hawaii women's softball team defeated Grand Canyon University on Monday, March 2 in both games of a doubleheader. BYUH took the wins, 5-4 and 6-2, to improve to 3-3 in the Pacific West conference and 7-11 for the season.

Lauren Fielding, freshman outfielder from Mesa, Ariz., had two RBIs on 2-4 hitting to lead the Seaside in the opener, while Melissa Lehano, senior second/third base from Mililani, hit her second home run of the year with a solo shot in the bottom of the third. Katesha Veazie, senior pitcher from Erda, Utah, gave up three earned runs on seven hits and got the win to improve to 4-4 on the sea-

Lehano helped the Seaside jump out to a big lead in the second game, going 3-3 at the plate with a run, two RBIs and a walk. BYUH scored two runs in the second and four in the fourth, and Julianne Tialavea, freshman pitcher from Salt Lake City, Utah, limited GCU to two runs and two walks on eight hits. Tialavea improved to 3-7 with the win.

The Seaside will continue on to face Lock Haven in Laie on Wednesday, March 4 in another doubleheader. Lock Haven is currently ranked number one in the nation by poll.

— BEN BUTTARS AND SAM AKINAKA

## Seaside golf continues with a tie

**B**YU-Hawaii's men's golf team continued its positive season with a tie at the match hosted by Hawaii Pacific University on Feb. 24. BYUH tied HPU for first place while Chaminade's golf team failed to rank in the standings, having fielded only three players. BYUH's Kyle Kunioka took second place in the individual standings.

The Seaside golf team won its first two matches of the season, hosted by Hawaii Pacific and the Seaside at the Turtle Bay Golf Course.

Derek Hall, junior in international business from Bountiful, Utah, expressed appreciation for the support the team has gotten from students at the matches. "We do get some students who show up. It's nice to have people come watch," he said. "We appreciate the people who have come and supported us, including many of the former team members."

The team has had a strong start to the season, a fact Hall credited to the "adjustments" made to the team. "I made some personal goals and some swing adjustments that have helped me to shoot more consistently and lots of the other guys have done the same," he said. Brett Puterbaugh, a senior in international business from Carlsbad, Calif., added that "there are lots of new players this season." Puterbaugh, a former team member, also said the team generally did better than most of the teams in Hawaii.

"We're more unified as a team as well," said Hall. "We do everything it takes for us to win as a team, instead of focusing on our individual games."

— BRETT EVANS



ABOVE: Members of the softball team huddle up during their Feb. 28 game against Chaminade University.



# President Monson completes first year

**P**resident Thomas S. Monson has recently completed his first year serving as the prophet and president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

When President Hinckley died on Jan. 28, 2008, the first presidency was dissolved. On Feb. 3rd, Thomas S. Monson was set apart and ordained as the president of the church.

"I certainly rely on the Lord to help me in my callings, particularly the one which I have received to serve as President of the Church. I trust Him implicitly, and will always do my best to fulfill my responsibilities. I've always said, if the Lord has an errand to be run, I want Him to know that Tom Monson will run that errand for Him," said President Monson in Church News.

President Monson has previously served as a counselor to Presidents Ezra Taft Benson, Howard W. Hunter, and Gordon B. Hinckley.

"I've felt honored and have appreciated every president under whom I've served," said President Monson.

He is following in the footsteps of President Hinckley by building and dedicating more temples across the world.

In the past year, President Monson has dedicated the Rexburg Idaho Temple, Curitiba Brazil Temple, Panama City Panama Temple, Twin Falls Idaho Temple, and rededicated the refurbished Mexico City Mexico Temple.

He has announced the building of the Gilbert Arizona Temple, Gila Valley Arizona Temple, Phoenix Arizona Temple, Philadelphia Pennsylvania Temple, Calgary and Alberta Canada Temples, Cordoba Argentina Temple, Kansas City Missouri Temple, and Rome Italy Temple.



**ABOVE:** President Thomas S. Monson finished a full year as the 16th President of the LDS Church on Feb. 3, 2009.

Brendan McMaster, junior in exercise and sport sciences from Tempe, Ariz., said about the temples being built, "It doesn't really affect me in a way that I am able to go see them when I want to, but they help out the people who live in the east valley and have to drive over 45 minutes on the crowded freeway to the Mesa Temple. I

live about 20 minutes from the Mesa Temple in Tempe, Arizona but I have friends in Queen Creek and Gilbert who are very excited to have the new temple."

President Monson has also traveled to many places in the past year to speak to members of the church.

In May 2008, he spoke at BYU Provo's Women's Conference and urged people to find joy in the journey and not let things pass them by.

In September 2008, he spoke at the Salt Lake City North Stake Conference broadcast and told everyone to follow the Savior's plea of "Come, follow me."

In December 2008, he urged members to bring Christ into their lives and homes at the First Presidency Christmas Devotional.

Most recently, in Jan. 2009, he quoted Charles Dickens and advised young adults to be prepared.

"President Monson is just fantastic. I love his stories. At first it was weird because I grew up with President Hinckley, but [Monson] is called of God. You can tell he has the Spirit and loves us," said Arielle Lkip, undeclared freshman from Atlanta, Ga.

Not only did President Monson celebrate his anniversary as President of the Church in February, but he also celebrated his home ward's 50th anniversary, the 64th anniversary of his high school graduation, and his 60th wedding anniversary to Frances L. Monson.

"He's the sweetest man and I love how he's so cute about his wife. He really does care about us," said Hayley Brady, freshman in biology from Provo, Utah.

He continues to serve us today as a prophet, seer, revelator, and holder of all priesthood keys.

"I don't hold myself higher than I did as a deacon's quorum secretary. But I realize the high calling that I have. I have never aspired to a calling in the Church. I trust our Heavenly Father to make known His will," said President Monson.

— NICOLE HAMILTON

## Sainthood bestowed on Molokai's Father Damien

**F**ather Damien de Veuster, a 19th century Belgian priest who ministered to leprosy patients in Hawaii, and died of the disease, will be declared a saint this year at a Vatican ceremony presided over by Pope Benedict XVI. De Veuster's work is significant to Latter-day Saints because he worked closely with Jonathan Napela, a prominent figure in the early days of the LDS Church in Hawaiian. Napela is depicted in bronze outside with his missionary companion George Q. Cannon, outside the Cannon Activities Center.

De Veuster has long been revered as a state hero in Hawaii for many years. His statue is featured at the Hawaii state capitol building in Honolulu, and an identical statue

represents Hawaii at the National Statuary Hall in Washington D.C. In 2007 a group of BYU-H faculty, including Riley Moffat, head of research at the Joseph F. Smith Library, visited Kalaupapa where de Veuster's ministry took place. Concerning de Veuster's canonization, Moffat said, "For the Catholic church, he's a great example of what we might call a saint. He loved the people he served: he gave his life for them. He supported all other men of conscience that were serving in the leper colony at the same time. I think it's a wonderful recognition of his dedication and service."

— SHEM GREENWOOD AND  
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**ABOVE:** St. Philomena Church at Kalaupapa, where Father Damien based his ministry.

**LEFT:** Father Damien de Veuster worked selflessly to help improve conditions for Molokai lepers until he succumbed to the disease in 1889.





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**ON THE COVER:** Alice Yui and friends at the close of "@RTIMOS: Soul, heart and hands." This was the third concert hosted by the @RTIMOS gang, with more performers than the previous, and the inclusion of an international live broadcast as well.

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# Obama airs Bush's dirty laundry

President Barack Obama continued a house cleaning of previous administration's policies by releasing undisclosed information from George W. Bush's presidency. On Monday, Mar. 2, 2009, it was revealed that anti-terror memos had claimed exceptional search-and-seizure powers and that the Central Intelligence Agency had destroyed nearly 100 videotapes of treatment and interrogations of terror suspects.

The disclosures also revealed information about actions taken after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. The Justice Department shared nine legal opinions that showed that the Bush administration had determined that some constitutional rights would not apply in the coming war. Only two weeks later there were lawyers trying to find ways to wiretap U.S. conversations without warrants.

"Too often over the past decade, the fight against terrorism has been viewed as a zero-sum battle with our civil liberties... Not only is that school of thought misguided, I fear that in actuality it does more harm than good," said Attorney General Eric Holder in a speech a few hours before the documents were released.

There is still some investigation that has to be made on the matter of these secrets being kept. Of the destroyed videos there were those that showed the actions taken with hostages, but others held recordings that weren't clear.

With these secrets released, C.I.A. spokesman George Little said the agency "has certainly cooperated with the Department of Justice investigation. If anyone thinks its agency policy to impede the enforcement of American law, they simply don't know the facts."

—AUSTIN COOK AND  
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**ABOVE:** President Barack Obama delivers remarks to members of the Business Council, Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, in the East Room of the White House, Friday, Feb. 13, 2009, in Washington.

## D.C. spends \$30 billion more on AIG

The American International Group, Inc., a previous recipient of government bailout funds, has encountered bad tidings yet again as the worldwide economic recession continues.

The company, best known for its investment services, posted a loss in the fourth quarter of 2008 of over \$60 billion, the worst quarterly loss in U.S. corporate history. As such, the bailout plans have been restructured, with the government extending an additional \$30 billion to the struggling insurer.

In the last quarter of 2008, AIG stock share prices fell \$22.95 per share, causing a corporate loss of \$61.7 billion and resulting in a company revenue of negative \$23.8 billion. With the first bailout plan, AIG estimated a substantial slowdown in negative profit, but results fell short of expectations. Early in 2008, economic analysts estimated a loss in value of around 25 cents per share, clearly far less than the actual loss.

"Billions upon billions of dollars have been loaned to these companies and things are still not looking up," said Alyssa Herzinger, sophomore in international cultural studies from Sandpoint, Idaho. "If the money was pumped into the economy by

way of the people who are spending it, I think things would level themselves out."

Her sentiments are echoed by Dustin Geddes, senior in accounting from Cedar Hills, Utah. He said, "AIG got what it deserved. The way banks were giving out mortgages to pretty much anyone without proving salaries or assets or anything was ridiculous."

AIG, which has been selling its interests in other businesses to cut costs, originally bought some of the less-reliable mortgage interests that may have originally caused the economic fallout. "And when people started defaulting [on their mortgages], kablammo," Geddes said.

"The spending in this nation is ridiculous," said Shannon Majdali, a resident of Laie. "It's mind boggling because the government is so stingy in other cases that can really benefit people who need the money," she continued.

AIG income fell almost 90% in 2008, to \$11 billion, down from \$110 billion in 2007. Total losses for the year added up to nearly \$90 million, compared to a 2007 profit of \$6 billion. Total bailout money issued to the troubled corporation now amounts to over \$180 billion.

In addition to mortgage and investing, AIG also has interests in insurance and is currently one of the largest automobile insurers in Hawaii. Policyholders are encouraged to ensure their insurance hasn't changed.

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**ABOVE:** Specialist Bradley Kessler works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009. The major stock indexes fell more than 5 percent Tuesday, including the Dow Jones industrial average, which tumbled 382 points.



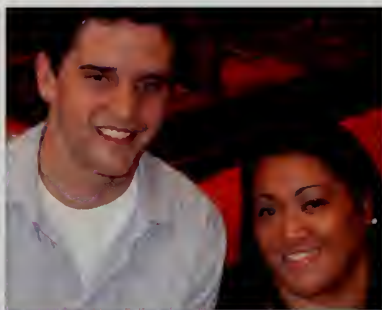
‘Because We Can’ *Reid & Ng*

**B**YUHSA presidential candidate Jarom Reid is a junior in ICS-Communications from Denver, Colo. He gained experience in government and leadership when he worked as an intern for a member of the Colorado Senate and through his position as a tour guide at the PCC. He currently serves as the student coordinator of Performance Series in the Student Leadership and Honor Department here at BYU-Hawaii. His running mate, Shel-

ley Ng, is a junior majoring in hotel and tourism management from San Diego, Calif. Ng has work experience from the BYU Provo International Office and as a high school Link Crew Leader where she experienced the “true meaning of leadership,” leading and motivating incoming freshmen. Reid and Ng believe that BYU-Hawaii students are good enough, smart enough, responsible enough, and diligent enough to take more of a lead at their school. “Because We Can” is their motto.



ABOVE: Jarom Reid and Shelley Ng



ABOVE: Roger Brown and Jennifer Tongi

‘We’ll Walk the Talk’ *Brown & Tongi*

**R**oger Brown grew up in multiple states, and even lived in Laie for a while before serving a mission in Argentina. Brown is majoring in international business with a minor in instructional design and development. His diverse background gives him a broad understanding of the world and different cultures. His VP candidate is Jennifer Tongi from Australia,

who’s studying social work with a minor in hospitality and tourism management. Tongi is half Maori and Tongan, a background that helps her appreciate culture and tradition, incorporating and exploring innovation. Tongi and Brown expect to adequately represent their fellow students, so they will know that their voices matter and will be heard. Their motto is “We’ll Walk the Talk.”

‘The Power of U’ *Tuala & Bay*

**M**aika Tuala was raised in Independence, Mo., and served a mission in the Guatemala Quetzaltenango Mission. Tuala is majoring in biology and feels he understands what it takes to utilize diversity to build and create a stronger community. He wants to run for president because he wants to be able to make a difference. Mike Bay, running for VP of BYUHSA, from

Brigham City, Utah, served his mission in the Hawaii Honolulu Mission, and is a junior in the social work program. He has had a lot of experience serving in leadership positions throughout his life and is running with Tuala because he believes we can all help BYU-Hawaii rise to a higher level of unity. Tuala and Bay’s motto, “The Power of U,” is intended to empower the student to become more a part of their school.



ABOVE: Maika Tuala and Mike Bay



ABOVE: Lillie Avalos and Leialoha Limary

‘One Heart and One Mind’ *Limary & Avalos*

**L**eialoha Limary is a native of Sacramento, Calif., and returned missionary from the Utah Salt Lake City South Mission. She’s one of five members of her family who attended BYUH and is majoring in ICS-Communications and plans on becoming a Foreign Service officer or working for the Foreign Affairs Department. She’s running for president to learn about leadership skills on a larger scale and to help her accomplish future goals. VP candidate Lillie Avalos,

from Redlands, Calif., is the first in her family to attend a Brigham Young University and she’s majoring in mathematics. She plans to use her background in mathematics as a researcher/analyst in the medical field. She’s running for VP to apply her leadership skills and gain a better knowledge of how to listen and attend the needs of her fellow classmates. Limary and Avalos want to encourage their fellow students to be of “One Heart and One Mind,” which is their campaign motto.

‘Peace by Piece’ *Fonua & Judson*

**A**lma Fonua was raised in Magna, Utah, and served a mission in the Kingdom of Tonga and Niue Island, which gave him “a stronger love and appreciation for [his] ancestors and their journey in the gospel.” Fonua is now a senior studying IBM and said coming to Hawaii is one of the best choices he’s have ever made. Running with him for VP

of BYUHSA is Emily Judson, senior in TESOL Education with a Spanish minor from Lindon, Utah. She recently returned from a semester at BYU Provo, an experience she enjoyed, but she discovered that her heart belongs at BYU-Hawaii. Fonua and Judson believe that each student at BYU-Hawaii has a unique role in obtaining international peace and their motto is “Peace by Piece.”



ABOVE: Emily Judson and Alma Fonua

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## Counseling Center works with local agencies to combat domestic violence

**L**eilani Auna, from BYU-Hawaii's Student Development Center, gave some additional information this week on what can be done to help facilitate change for those in abusive relationships.

• If it is not safe for a woman in her home, she can contact a shelter.

Some telephone numbers to call are:

Windward Emergency Shelter: 528-0606

Domestic Violence Crisis Hotline: 841-0822

BYUH Housing: 675-3534

BYUH Security: 675-3503 or 293-3911.

• If you suspect that your neighbors or friends are in an abusive relationship and you live in TVA, you can report it to the BYU-Hawaii Housing Office. TVA tenants receive a letter from the Temple View Apartment Council for disrupting the peace and are asked to come into the Counseling Center.

• If you suspect that a situation has become violent, the police or security should be called.

• There is an on-call crisis counselor who can

be contacted through BYUH Security 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

• A bishop can be contacted.

• Couples and students can come anytime to the Counseling Center for help and be referred to local agencies for additional assistance.

Auna also said the Counseling Center has several programs run in conjunction with community organizations to help support families in Laie, including several women's group, a parent and child interaction group, a pregnant mother's group. The center also holds an annual TVA Family Day where local agencies come to campus to offer students and families further information.

Students should know that the Counseling Center insures privacy for all its clients. Information shared with a counselor, Auna said, will not be given to other departments in the school.

—LUCY CAMMOCK

## BYUH alum Schumacher gives recital

**M**any audience members expressed amazement at the talents of BYU-Hawaii alumnus Chad Schumacher as he performed a recital in the McKay Auditorium on Saturday, March 7.

"He's so good, I loved watching his facial expressions as he played," said Tessa Brady, freshman in music composition from Portland, Oregon. "It's fascinating to me."

Schumacher visited the BYUH campus all last week, March 1-7. While he was here, he performed the musical number at devotional, practiced for his recital at the end of the week and visited various music classes. "BYU-Hawaii is definitely a different place now," he said, "but it still feels like I'm returning home."

His week long visit concluded with a solo piano recital. Schumacher's performance included a wide variety of pieces from composers Bach, Beethoven, Muczynski, Liszt and Scriabin.

Other BYUH alumni who went to school with Schumacher also attended the performance. "I graduated with Chad and I was also a piano major. Chad and I were in a master class together," said Jennifer Kim, who graduated from BYUH with Schumacher in 2004. "He's blowing some of [these pieces] out of the water!"

The final piece that Schumacher performed was "Apres une lecture de Dante: Fantasia quasi Sonata" by Franz Liszt. Schumacher introduced this piece to the audience by telling the story behind the piece and saying, "I consider this sonata to be one of the greatest masterpieces of all time."

In order to portray the story behind the piece, which is based on Dante's literary masterpiece, "The Divine Comedy," he also had a slideshow playing with works from the artist Gustav Dore. The audience enjoyed this multimedia presentation, applauding so much that Schumacher returned to play an encore piece after he left the stage.

Schumacher recently started his own music production company and is also working on a solo album.

—RACHEL ADAMS



### Recycling Awareness Week March 16-March 21st

Beginning Monday, March 16 BYUHSA Service and Learning is sponsoring RAW! A whole week dedicated toward Recycling Awareness! During this week we will be collecting any reused products to be donated to the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation. Visit the Information Booth in the Aloha Center Mall, and receive **free candy** if you bring in a recyclable item.

Join us for daily activities from Monday, March 16-Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

16 Monday	17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday	19 Thursday	20 Friday	21 Saturday
<b>Recycling Art Contest!</b> Make a masterpiece out of recyclable materials and get it displayed in the Aloha Center Mall!	<b>Waste Recyclable Challenge</b> Place your creativity and your Recyclable Challenge! Receive free candy when you get your partner values at the Aloha Center.	<b>Rubbish Games</b> Show your material! Spend the afternoon playing Recycling Rubbish Games from 12:30-2:00pm in the 10th grade building from 10:00-11:00am!	<b>Movie Night</b> Kick back and enjoy a Recycling Movie in the 10th grade at 7:30pm. Free candy and prizes!	<b>Recycling Market</b> Sell, Sell, Sell! Get a job? Don't! We're a money seller at the Recycling Market. Meet us there!	<b>Service Project</b> Join us for a recycling Service Project. Details to come!

Details to be announced in the Student Bulletin!!

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ONE

"We must be the change we  
want to see in the world."

—Mahatma Gandhi

Not the loneliest number.



**ABOVE:** Miles Smith holds a serving of rice at the hunger banquet representing the amount an average person would receive for an entire meal in a third-world country.

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ahatma Gandhi believed that "we must be the change we want to see in the world." Events of BYUH'S ONE week, held March 3 to 6, offered students the opportunity to demonstrate how they can be the change.

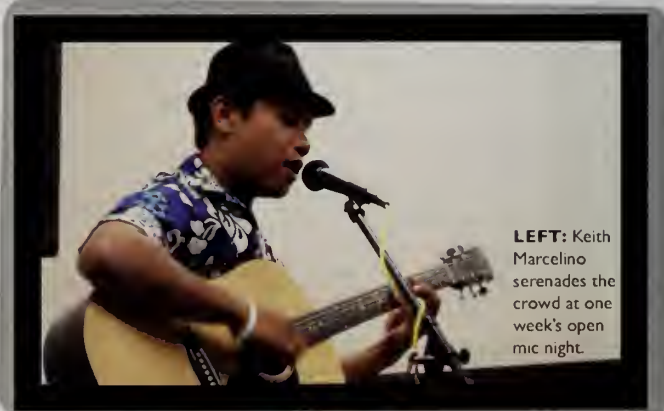
Tuesday night in the McKay Auditorium, there was a screening of "Bil'in Habiti" ("Bil'in, My Love"), a documentary about nonviolent resistance in a West Bank village. The documentary presented Palestinian objectors in Bil'in against the illegal construction of an Israeli separation wall. Meagan Walsler, senior in International Cultural Studies from Warwick, R.I. said, "It was sad, but you have to have hope that enough someones will hear them and say no."

Wednesday night, also in the McKay auditorium, students danced, raised their voices in song, and spoke hopeful words about peace in the world. Each act seemed to be more diverse than the one before it. A hip hop and ballet compilation showed how one song can be danced to in a number of fashions. Uncle Benny, who hosted during @RTIMOS, sang "What a Wonderful World."

Thursday night, students participated in the Hunger Banquet. Some students, given "ONE" cards, were supposed to represent "first world" countries and were seated at a table with silverware and were served a four course meal with chicken, salad, cake and lemonade. However, the greater the number a student received, the less special treatment was provided. Being from second world country, less food was served. Those from third world countries were given only one scoop of rice in their hand and had to sit on the floor. Emily York, junior in ICS from Grand Rapids, Michigan said she felt indignant when she was designated to be in a third world rather than being from a first world country. Following the Hunger Banquet, there was an Open Mic Night held in the Seaside, where many students shared both their talents and thoughts through song and poetry.

Friday, a dance wrapped up the week's peace events. A service project was held on Saturday as students attempted to reach out to the community by extending forth their hands to help members of the community with odd jobs and yard work, as well as at the PCC and temple.

—MARNI VAIL



**LEFT:** Keith Marcelino serenades the crowd at one week's open mic night.





ABOVE: (L to R) Laura Beynon, Spencer Clegg, and Leah Hinckley perform with an ensemble at @RTIMOS.

**E**yes were glued to the stage as the third production of “@RTIMOS: Soul, Heart and Hands,” took the audience on an adventure through various types of musical performances to promote peace, unity, and love internationally.

On Wednesday March 4, students, faculty and community members eagerly waited in the theater for the show to begin.

Founder Art Saowichit said, “@RTIMOS: Soul, Heart, and Hands took about three months to produce. We had auditions, weekly meetings, and special meetings with different departments and organizations in the school as well.” Saowichit is an interdisciplinary studies major from Thailand.

During this performance, a variety of talented students from BYU-Hawaii volunteered their time and skills to help Saowichit promote this cause and provide the entertainment for the evening.

“I like performing and I loved the fact that the auditorium was packed since it’s so hard sometimes to get full participation from students in concerts,” noted performer Leah Hinckley, sophomore in international business management from Evanston, Wyo.

Many of the acts expressed different cultures. The Phung family demonstrated a traditional Chinese lion dance. Gabriel Figueiro and friends performed Capoeira, which used to be a Brazilian cultural activity but is now considered a sport. The Hawaiian culture was shown by a group of girls who danced a hula to the song “Lei Hali’a.” The Korean Club performed a traditional Korean drumming act. Also, the Maori culture was expressed as the Rongomau, representing the Aotearoa Village of the PCC, presented a “haka of peace.”

“I really liked the Maori performance because I get so pumped up from the culture,” expressed Melanie Roy, junior in biology from San Diego, Calif.

Many other performances were presented such as videos, slide shows, a blindfolded pianist playing, an overture to “The Barber of Seville,” a Spanish flamenco, hip-hop and ballet dancing, and more singing and playing of instruments.

The finale of @RTIMOS tied the whole night together; all of the performers sang “With My Own Two Hands” and involved the crowd by giving out lyrics. They also threw out blown up balls, representing earth, into the audience that were bounced around throughout the song.

—NICOLE HAMILTON



ABOVE: Members of the Korean club perform at @RTIMOS.

“I think that performing arts have this great power of unifying people. From the moment you enter the theatre everyone is equal. You can just enjoy being in the moment.”

—Carissa Lang

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# WEEK





**ABOVE:** Flowers cover the bench in an Ewa shopping center where Asa Yamashita, a high school teacher, was stabbed and died on Feb. 27, 2009.

## Stabbing increases community concern

**T**he head of Waianae High School's English Department, Asa Yamashita, was stabbed and died in an Ewa shopping center on Feb. 27. Tittleman Fauatea, 25, has been charged with murder in the second degree with bail posted at \$500,000.

The murder has raised some serious questions about the manner in which the State of Hawaii deals with those whose mental health problems could endanger others. Fauatea was released from psychiatric care just three months ago, after serv-

ing a short six-day sentence for harassment. Although his psychiatric assessment advised no less than 60 additional days in a hospital, he was released due to a lack of paperwork.

Although this kind of incident is uncommon in Oahu, it raises the questions about what can be done to protect the Laie community. Helaman M. Ka'ononi, assistant director of Security, reaffirms that while Laie is generally a safe community, students can never be too careful. "Laie is quite safe compared to other communities. We just need to think things through. We're in Hawaii; a lot of

students are here to have a good time but we also need to take precautions. Always stay in lighted areas and don't go walking alone, especially to the beach parks." In relation to the stabbing, Ka'ononi said, "It's difficult to say what you should do. We normally say don't be alone. But she (Yamashita) was in a public area. The attacker was just unbalanced. In that situation there's really not a lot that can be done."

Students have mixed feelings about their safety. "I feel safe on campus. I think our security does a good job. I feel fine around Laie, I think our community is safe," said Ivy Sessions, junior in two-dimensional art from Huntington Beach, Calif.

Freshman in music, Travis Kneisly from South Carolina agreed. "On campus I guess I feel pretty safe. Physically I always feel safe, but the safety of my property always concerns me."

In spite of feeling safe on campus and in Laie, Security recommends that students never get too comfortable, and that it is important to always be aware of surroundings.

Some students have had different experiences. Grace Qwok, sophomore in international cultural studies from Hong Kong, said, "I work at the Aloha Center and my boss has access to a lot of cameras. I have seen a lot of things, especially vandalism of school property. Because it's an open area you never know if people are students or not. Sometimes people think that because it's a church community they are safe, but that's not always true. I think students should pay more attention to what's around. Even in the dorms people don't realize how dangerous it can be."

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**Nā Ho'okama a Pauahi scholarship recipient Louie Agrabante of Wai'anāe is currently pursuing his master's degree at Hawai'i Pacific University.**



# Hawaii welcomes two new Target stores

## COMMUNITY

One, two, three, shop! A soft opening for Target turned into a big hit as more than 1,800 people streamed through the doors of the just opened Kapolei store within the first 30 minutes.

On Wednesday, March 4, Target held soft openings at the first two Target stores to come to Hawaii, which are located in Kapolei and Salt Lake. This soft opening wasn't highly publicized as to allow employees time to fix the tweaks before the grand opening held Sunday, March 8.

Little did Target organizers know that over 450 people would be waiting outside of the Salt Lake store for the doors to open at 8 a.m.

"I have run a lot of Targets (on the mainland), but I have never seen this level of energy," Kapolei store manager Jon Radtke told The Honolulu Advertiser. "This was supposed to be a soft opening but it was more like a grand opening."

Radtke noted to The Honolulu Advertiser that he anticipated huge crowds for the grand opening, but given the state of the economy, did not expect actual sales to follow suit.

"We've been able to have some pretty exciting reports to headquarters, and they're very pleased with our results," said Radtke.

The excitement of a Target store opening has streamed from the Target store associates to BYU-Hawaii campus as well.

Krystalee Hazard, sophomore in physical education from Weldon, Calif., said, "I love Target! They have the cutest clothes and jewelry at a good price." She said she feels Target has a little higher quality goods than Wal-Mart, too.

Elizabeth Walker, junior in hotel and tourism management from Niles, Mich., and friends headed to Target on Friday to preview the new

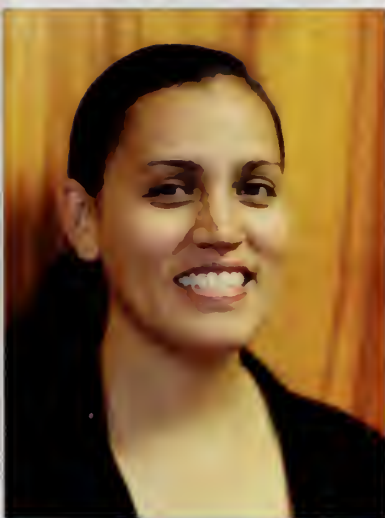
store. "Coming from the mainland, we have Target everywhere and what was nice was this Target was just like every other one in the mainland. They didn't try to target to tourists or locals like Wal-Mart tends to do. Also I liked how big the store was and that there was accessible parking."

Both Target stores will now be open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sundays.

-NICOLE HAMILTON



Above: Hawaii is now home to two new Target stores with locations in Salt Lake and Kapolei. The Minnesota-based chain will compete with Wal-Mart as a one-stop-shop for consumers, offering a large variety of products for relatively inexpensive prices.



## Laie woman named Hawaii's Mother of the Year

Hawaii's Young Mother of the Year for 2009 is none other than Laie resident and Hawaii native Joselyn Akana. Akana is the wife of Seaside Basketball Assistant Coach Brandyn Akana, who is also the bishop of the BYU-Hawaii 17th Ward. They have been married for 10 years and have two daughters and one son, all under the age of 8.

Akana said that the most rewarding thing about being a mother is how unconditionally forgiving and loving her children are. "Even if I've had a bad day," she said, "they still tell me that they love me."

Akana's experience with being nominated for Hawaii's 2009 Young Mother of the Year was very unique. She was selected by a local committee of American Mothers, Inc. (AMI) in Laie comprised of Donette Tew, Lisa Wagner, and May Shumway. These three sisters have each been Hawaii's Young Mother

of the Year themselves - Wagner in 1999, Tew in 2004 and Shumway in 2005.

The committee had been seeking inspiration for a few weeks to help them decide which Young Mother of the Year candidate was the right choice. The day before their nomination was due to the AMI, they felt that Joselyn Akana should be the nominee for 2009. Akana had not been on the list of nominees they were praying about in the previous weeks, however all three women had been inspired and agreed that she was the right woman for the title.

To Akana, the nomination was humbling and an answer to her prayers. She explained that at the beginning of 2009, she had made two New Years' Resolutions: The first was to stop complaining, and the second was to become a better mom by learning to work with her children to emphasize their strengths instead of focusing on their weaknesses.

"I realized that Heavenly Father was giving me an opportunity here," said Akana. "My New Years' resolutions and prayers were answered... I saw this as a great learning opportunity."

-RACHEL ADAMS

ABOVE: Laie resident Joselyn Akana has been named the Young Mother of the Year for the State of Hawaii. She and her husband, Brandyn, a basketball coach and an EXS faculty member at BYUH, have three children.



## **CIE** The WILLES CENTER for INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Willes Center for International Entrepreneurship hosted a business conference and business plan competition from Wednesday, March 4 to Friday, March 6. A number of sessions were offered throughout the days, and highlighted here are some of the conference's general sessions.

### Thursday Breakfast

Professionally dressed and sleepy-eyed students gathered to attend the opening session and breakfast for the Center for International Entrepreneurship (CIE) sponsored event titled 'Conference of Champions.' The meeting commenced Thursday, March 5, at 8 a.m. in the ballroom. Students were provided with oatmeal, fruit, muffins and orange juice before hearing from guest speaker Dan McCormick.

McCormick talked of ways that students can have success in the business world despite challenges with a failing economy: "The economy can be your friend. Ideas can be life changing and you only need one." He encouraged students to think of businesses that will be successful with the current problems. He continued, "What is an entrepreneur? It is someone that takes risks."

Dan Jones, sophomore in accounting from Ogden, Utah, said, "The main two things that I got out of this are...you don't have to [take risks] alone [and] to learn from...people's past experiences."

McCormick said, "Everyone should always have two books with them - one to read and one to write in." McCormick focused on the point that one has to always continue learning.

### Thursday Luncheon

In his Thursday luncheon address, BYU-Hawaii President Steven C. Wheelwright discussed the inauguration charge President Henry B. Eyring gave him almost two years ago.

In his inaugural charge, President Eyring said success would be "realized as young people gain greater power to make the world better for others. Success won't be in accolades to the president or the teachers; it won't be in recognition for the university. It won't be in new or better buildings and equipment. It won't be in more efficiency... Success will be in the increase in the power of the students to improve families, communities, and the world."

The keynote address featured Carlos Martins, a "poor" BYU Provo graduate originally from Brazil who now owns the world's largest private system of language schools that includes 1,200 locations in seven countries, 15,000 employees and 500,000 students.

He told the amazing story of how he followed his own rule — "goal setting is essential for success" — at the start of 2008 to hand out 365 Church "pass-along" cards, at the rate of one a day. "After 30 days I had passed out 100 cards; I thought maybe my goal was too little," Martins said.

Pondering what the real goal should be, Martins

# Heli Huli North Shore Moped Rentals wins CIE 'Conference of Champions'



**ABOVE:** 2008 Center for International Entrepreneurship Competition winner Brett Lee (Center) with (L to R) CIE Entrepreneurs-in-Residence Todd Sibley and Leonard Black, BYUH President Steven Wheelwright and CIE Director James Ritchie. Lee won \$15,000 to go towards his moped rental business which will be located at Turtle Bay Resort.

realized his company Web site receives 200,000 hits a month: "Why don't I include an icon on our web site offering a prize of a book for the family, a Book of Mormon," he continued. In addition, Martins also decided to insert a pass-along card into each of the 500,000 books his students get each year.

Martins noted, "The final result is that, on a regular monthly basis, the Church receives approximately 1,000 phone calls just from this initiative."

"If you want to achieve success in life, first believe in God, believe in yourself, believe in your dream and your divine potential and your personal ability to overcome and achieve," said Martins.

### Friday Awards

The Business Plan Competition ended with the awards ceremony. BYUH senior Brett Lee's plan for Hele Huli North Shore Moped Rental, a moped rental business at Turtle Bay Resort in Kahuku, earned him the \$15,000 top prize.

Lee, a senior in hospitality and tourism management from Lancaster, California, said, "I've always liked mopeds and I work at Turtle Bay. I saw the opportunity, and noticed they could use the extra amenity. With the prize money, I hope to start up with a minimum of 10 mopeds, but probably 15 or 20." Lee has already contracted for space in the park.

Each of four other teams won runner-up prizes of \$5,000 for their proposed plans, all of the 15 finalists also received \$1,000, and each of the other 31 BYUH students who submitted a plan received a monetary award.

"We had more entrants this year than we ever had before," said CIE Director James Ritchie, noting BYUH students submitted 46 business plans. Of that number, judges selected 31 for further evaluation, from which the top 15 "came prepared to present. They didn't know who the finalists were until we announced their names," he added.

MIKE FOLEY AND  
TRIJS滕 LEACH



**ABOVE:** Dan McCormick, author and Nu Skin representative speaks about life-changing ideas and the result they can have, even in a downed economy. He spoke during the breakfast session of the conference on Thursday morning.  
**BELOW:** Ryan Ockey, Canadian real estate developer and father of a BYUH student, after speaking at the Friday morning general session. Ockey spoke about the blessings of being affiliated with the President's Leadership Council and PCC.





## Three Lady Seaside bid farewell

**S**eniors Latoya Willy, Agnes Tulevuka and Amanda Watts stood out in their final collegiate game, combining for more than half of the Seaside's points in an 82-72 win over Hawaii Pacific. The three seniors helped the Seaside women's basketball team to a 16-11-season record, with Saturday's win capping a five-game winning streak.

Willy, senior forward from Laie, led the Seaside with 26 points and also contributed 15 rebounds, four assists and four steals to a well-rounded game. Tulevuka, senior guard from Suva, Fiji, had 13 points, eight rebounds, five steals and four assists, while Watts, senior guard from Burlington, Wash., finished with eight points, two rebounds, two assists and a steal on the night.

Willy was dominant for the Seaside all season, and finished with six Pacific West Conference Player of the Week awards. She also finished ranked in the top three of the nation in points per game, rebounds and field-goal percentage.

—SAM AKIANA



**ABOVE:** Lady Seaside Mahina Gago, junior guard, shoots during a game against HPU.



**ABOVE:** The Men's team celebrate a 107 to 70 victory over HPU on March 8.

## BYUH to host NCAA II Sub-Regional Championship

**T**he Seaside men finished its record-breaking season with another dominant win. The 107-70 victory on Saturday, March 7, over the Sea Warriors of Hawaii Pacific University brought the Seaside win streak to 22 straight games. Seniors Jermaine Odjegba, Tension Akana and Nathan Sims were honored after the game, though it will not be their last at the Cannon Activities Center in Laie.

The BYU-Hawaii men's basketball team received the number one seed in the NCAA II West Regional Tournament and will play host to a four-team sub-regional on Friday, March 13, and Saturday, March 14. The Seaside, champions of the Pacific West Conference, will face seventh-seeded Humboldt State (20-11) in the opening round on Friday at 7:30 p.m. on the BYUH campus.

Friday's opener, at 5 p.m., will pit fourth-seeded Cal State-Dominguez Hills (21-6) against fifth-seeded Central Washington (18-6). The winners of the two first-round games will play on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. for the right to advance to the regional championship game, which will be played on Tuesday, March 17, at the home of the highest remaining seed in the region.

Western Washington (21-6) received the region's second seed and will host the other sub-regional. They will face seventh-seeded Seattle Pacific (18-9) in one game and third-seeded Cal Poly Pomona (20-6) will meet sixth-seeded Cal State-San Bernardino (20-9) in the other opening round game.

BYU-Hawaii completed the season with a 25-1 record and went undefeated in the PacWest with a 12-0 mark. The Seaside have not faced any of the other seven teams in the regional this season and have few shared opponents for comparison. Humboldt State and BYU-Hawaii had no common opponents this year. Cal State-Dominguez Hills defeated Grand Canyon in Phoenix early in the year, 74-64, and the Seaside defeated Grand Canyon 101-81 in Laie and 86-71 in Phoenix. Central Washington lost to Dixie State in St. George early in the season, 74-64, and BYU-Hawaii defeated Dixie State 100-79 in Laie and 92-77 in St. George.

Ticket prices for the regional tournament are \$8 reserved seats, \$6 general admission, and \$3 students with ID. For further information for the regional tournament, contact the BYU-Hawaii Athletic Office at 808-675-3764.

—SCOTT LOWE AND SAM AKIANA

### BRACKET FOR CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AT BYU-HAWAII

1 \*\*BYU - Hawaii (23-1)

8 Humboldt St. (16-11)

4 Cal St. Dom. Hills (20-6)

5 Central Wash. (16-6)

3 Cal Poly Pomona (17-6)

6 Cal St. San B'dino (19-8)

7 Seattle Pacific (17-8)

2 \*\*Western Wash. (16-5)

West





**Above:** Starring Chris Evans (*Fantastic Four*) and Dakota Fanning (*Coraline*), "Push" is an action thriller about super-humans on the run from the agency that is trying to kill them.

## 'Push' is painful to watch

The painfully inscrutable paranormal thriller "Push" introduces a host of characters with various gifts. Some can see the future, some can heal, some can plant ideas in other's minds and some can make change for a dollar. By the time the credits roll, your most fervent wish is to run into a "wiper" (one who can erase memories).

In an opening credits prologue, we learn that the U.S. government is continuing to perform psychic experiments started by the Nazis in order to create some kind of super-freaky-powerful army. Like a lot of things in David Bourla's script, the rules of engagement after the philanthropic-minded telepaths begin to battle the evil mind-benders out for world domination are unclear.

What we do know is that Nick Gant (Chris Evans) is a "mover," a second-generation telekinetic who went into hiding after the Division killed his father more than a decade earlier. He lives a life of anonymity in Hong Kong, a densely populated place where fugitive psychics like him are safe, as long as they can keep their unique gift a secret. Into Nick's

life there suddenly comes a 13-year-old "watcher" Cassie Holmes (Dakota Fanning), a clairvoyant who needs his help in tracking down an escaped "pusher" Kira, who may hold the key to bringing down the Division once and for all. A "pusher" is the most powerful kind of psychic due to his or her ability to influence the actions of others by planting thoughts in their minds.

Now, as Nick emerges from hiding in order to help Cassie find Kira, the Division's human bloodhounds are hot on their trail. In order to elude the authorities, they'll need to disappear into the seedy underbelly of the city while relying on a team of rogue psychics to help cover their tracks. But Division Agent Henry Carver (Djimon Hounsou) is a powerful pusher who has made it his mission to stop them at all costs, regardless of the collateral damages that may occur in the process.

Though this is a new kind of style for director Paul McGuigan, the average rating for "Push" is 4.5 stars out of 5.

—AUSTIN COOK

## Opinion: Basketball, unity and budget cuts

At BYU-Hawaii the theme "unity" has long been emphasized by student leadership, school administration and church leaders. The theme becomes increasingly important in a school where a student body of less than 3,000 represents 70 countries. There are truly few places in the world where unity should be a more important theme.

Unity at BYU-Hawaii conjures up a variety of thoughts for me, including Foodfest, Songfest, BYUH Idol, Devotional, and our talented employees at the PCC. Recently I added another most impressive event to that important list. On the evening of Feb. 27, I witnessed a significant number of the student body pack the CAC for the men's basketball game. It was an important and intense game. The Seasideers were fighting for home court advantage in the play-offs and claimed it in a narrow victory. In the diverse crowd I yelled with students

from Hong Kong, Brazil, Taiwan, the Philippines, the United States, Sweden, the islands of Polynesia and more.

What made it all so inspiring to me was the fact that the students were there not to indulge in the sharing of culture the way they can at FoodFest or Culture Night, but to truly be a part of a common goal. I made new friends from Hong Kong who sat in the row in front of me. They asked to take pictures with me and my friends because we all started cheering together. Would it be sacrilegious to say I have never felt like I was more a part of Zion than at a basketball game? Maybe, but I discovered for myself the importance of celebrating something that makes us the same, just as much as celebrating the things that make us different.

So as the season winds down, I want to congratulate our basketball teams for wonderful seasons. I wish to recognize the men's Seasideer Pac-West champions. But most of all, now that our university faces important decisions regarding budget cuts (as outlined by Staff Writer Nicole Hamilton in the Feb. 19 issue of Ke Alaka'i) the future of athletics at BYUH is in question. If the nature of athletics has to change, it has to change. We go to school largely by the means of tithes-payer's money, so it is a point we would be obligated to concede. But it is in that vein that I thank the basketball teams for what they have taught us and implore the administration of this university that in the spirit of true unity, our legacy of winning athletics be continued at BYU-Hawaii.

—JAROM REID



## CAMPUS & TOWN CALENDAR

**13  
FRIDAY**

### Campus

- 1&3pm wsbali
- 2pm W Tennis
- 3:30pm Ohana Mtg
- 5:30, 7pm cac bball
- 8am acr 155/65 Political Science conf (Troy Smith)
- Ward Night

### Town

- Aloha Section 33rd Annual PGA Classic for more info call 593-2230
- 15th Annual Honolulu Festival March 13-15

**14  
SATURDAY**

### Campus

- gym/cac cto
- 7:30pm cac bball
- 7 pm & 9:30 pm lth "Swing Vote"
- 8-6pm acb/acr/lth NATS
- Noon 8:2pm wsbali

### Town

- Pualelani Festival of the Arts for more info call 808-224-8068
- Waikiki Artfest March 14-15 for more info call 808-696-6717

**15  
SUNDAY**

### Campus

- 8:30-9:30am, 10-Noon, 2-3pm cac 3rd stake conference
- Gospel Forum

### Town

- Waikiki Artfest March 14-15 for more info call 808-696-6717

**16  
MONDAY**

### Campus

- 1&3pm wsbali
- 2pm M&V Tennis
- 4pm-5pm acr 155 University Council mtg
- bball regional playoffs
- General Student Elections 3/16-3/20

### Town

- Kahuku Big Book Sale March 16-17 for more info call 293-8935

**17  
TUESDAY**

### Campus

- 11am cac devotional w/ President Steve Woodhouse
- 2pm M&V Tennis
- 3rd stk enrichment
- 6:30pm acr 155 Brainstorm
- 7:30pm cac bball

### Town

- 42nd Annual St Patrick's Day Parade for more info call 808-383-4481

**18  
WEDNESDAY**

### Campus

- 1&3pm wsbali
- 10:30am acb IAPP luncheon
- 3rd stk enrichment
- 6:30pm Intramurals Floor Hockey

### Town

- A Musical Tribute: 50 Years of Statehood for more info call 808-586-0718

**19  
THURSDAY**

### Campus

- 11am acr 155/65 eis w/ bta
- 11am mal Q&A w/Candidates then vote
- 3rd stk enrichment
- 5:30pm acb Jessica Fenebock Vocal Recital
- 7:40am BYUH Golf @ Ewa Beach
- 7:30pm aud "Twelfth Night or What You Will" (\$)

### Town

- 2009 Tour De Trash for more info call 768-3200





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**ON THE COVER:** Junior forward Lucas Alves, who has been a star player all season, comes down from dunking the ball against Humboldt State. After winning against both Humboldt and Cal State Dominguez Hills, the Seasideers lost to the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos leaving them with a 27-2 overall record.

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## No. 1 Seaside fan noted for his contagious smile

Many students have seen the smiling and cheerful face of Harold Palimo'o, Jr. around our campus.

Palimo'o has been associated with the BYU-Hawaii campus for the past 10 years. During this time, he has been found at every men's and women's basketball and volleyball game, wearing his Seaside spirit shirts and cheering on our teams.

"I'm the No. 1 fan for the athletic department!" said Palimo'o proudly.

He admires the players for their skills and love of the game. He especially likes to watch Trenson Akana for his three-point shots and Lucas Alves for his slam-dunks. On the women's team, Palimo'o said he enjoys watching Richelle Fenenbock for her three-point shots and Latoya Wily for her dribbling drives to the basket and lay ups.

Not only can Palimo'o be found at sporting events, but he can also be found in the cafeteria. This year will mark the five-year anniversary of his working as a dishwasher at the BYUH Club Dining Facility. Palimo'o works on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Sundays, which he said keeping him busy and around campus.

Palimo'o said, "I like working at the cafeteria because I get to meet a lot of students that come dining there, and the workers are really cool."

On Sundays, he is sure to be found on campus



**ABOVE:** Harold Palimo'o, Jr. (red shirt) works in the cafeteria on campus and is pictured with some of the students he has met working here. He is a big Seaside fan and a member of BYUH Eighth Ward.

as he works both lunch and dinner at the cafeteria and is an active member of the BYUH Third Stake's Eighth Ward.

Palimo'o also attends all of the activities put on by the Eighth Ward, such as Family Home Evening, ward prayer, and firesides.

Anna Fifita, freshman in international cultural studies from Denver, Colo., and fellow member of the Eighth Ward, said, "I love his friendly hellos and smiles. He's such a nice person!"

If Palimo'o is not on campus, he enjoys maintaining the yard at his house in Hauula, where he lives with his younger brother. He also likes to go swimming at the pool, go to the mall and have fun with his friends.

Haley Pratt, freshman in exercise science from Bellingham, Wash., said, "Harold's the sweetest guy on campus. Every time I see him, he brightens up my day with a huge grin."

-NICOLE HAMILTON

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**BELOW:** Students in the new marine biology specialization program at BYUH joined Dr. David Bybee to perform research in the waters off the coast of Maui.



## Biology research on Maui

Adam Meese, junior in biology from Santa Rosa, Calif., was excited to be able to use the things he has been taught in class all semester. He said, "It's more practical, it gives more purpose to your study. It's actually putting into application what I've studied. I think if every major did something like this it would be really beneficial. It was pretty cool to see people actually using the things we have been learning about."

Bybee feels passionately that students at BYUH should take advantage of the resources in Hawaii. "We are in the fortunate position to be able to walk a few blocks, drive to the other side of the island or take the ferry to another island and study some of the most unique marine environments in the Pacific. Students can be working with specialists getting experience that can be put on their resumes."

Although the marine biology specialization is fairly new, students said they have loved their experience thus far. Mollika Graham, senior in biology from Mt. Vernon, Wash., was thrilled to be a part of the field trip. He said, "I thought it was a very good idea. I like getting out of the classroom. It helps us to learn."

"This is just the beginning of what we hope to do with this program," Bybee said.

—LUCY CAMMOCK

**S**ometimes it's better to get out of the classroom to learn. At least that was the reasoning behind biology professor David Bybee's field trip to Maui on Feb. 25.

"I wanted them to get some hands on field work experience in Marine Ecology. I wanted them to actually go out and work with specialist ecologists and gather data, to really know what it is to do marine ecology as opposed to just reading about it," said Bybee.

During their time on Maui, Bybee's

class was able to spend two full days working with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's Marine Sanctuary. The students helped work on a wide variety of projects, including whale censuses, whale mapping, data collection on whale behavior, water quality measurement at different locations and much more.

For students involved in the new marine biology specialization, "It was a dream come true," as Heather Dell, senior in biology, from Gilbert, Ariz., said it was for her. She continued, "To

hear the humpback whales sing underwater was amazing. The marine biology classes are great. I am learning a lot from them."

The trip was filled with valuable experiences that the students could never have experienced in the classroom. "We took the Superferry to Maui and it was high winds so it was bumpy. There were whales and dolphins. You can talk all you want about what the open ocean experience is like, but it was good for the students to experience it," said Bybee.

## Law Week

BYU Law School dean, students visit to give tips for admission

**A**ssistant Dean of Admissions Carl Hernandez from BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School visited BYU-Hawaii last week as part of the Law Week, offering students an opportunity to learn more about the BYU Law School, legal careers in general, and how to prepare for the law school application process.

Along with Dean Hernandez, there were several law school students on hand to share their own firsthand experiences with BYUH students and answer questions. Hernandez hosted an information fair, an LSAT preparation meeting, and taught mock law school-styled classes to students interested in learning more about what law school is really like.

In addition to affording BYUH students with a wealth of information and insight into the law school experience and legal career opportunities, he also focused on the demanding, yet rewarding, profession. To gauge students' own perceptions, Hernandez posed a simple question: "What is your experience with lawyers?"

A graduate of BYU Law School himself and now a father of six, Hernandez explained to students what he believes should remain the focus of the legal profession. "As President Faust said, 'Lawyers should be healers.' Often, we find people

who have ambivalent or even skeptical perceptions of lawyers. Unfortunately, some of these negative stereotypes may be deserved, because society views lawyers as being contention creators and professional troublemakers in it for their own profit. However, this is not representative of all of us."

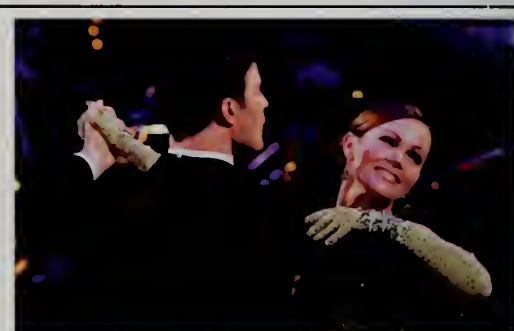
Hernandez offered students a new look at the legal profession, a career he says is geared to conflict avoidance.

"Through their interpretation and upholding of the law, lawyers seek to provide an understanding of the law that can prevent conflict, rather than spur it," he said. Indeed, agreements, contracts, trusts, treaties, and statutes are among just a few of the legal remedies. Hernandez explained, that encourage collaboration and agreement among people. "However, not even the best draft-writer of those written agreements can foresee all of the possible repercussions if something goes wrong. When there is conflict, lawyers are there to resolve the conflict."

Currently ranked among the top tier law schools in the nation, the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU has competitive admissions standards, and Hernandez and the law students with him offered tips for students to prepare impressive applications.

Enrolling 150 students each year in its Juris Doctor program, the J. Reuben Clark Law School offers more than 100 academic course offerings, organizations, and externship opportunities. For students who want to learn more or prepare to apply to attend law school at BYU, Hernandez referred them to the law school's Website at [www.law.byu.edu](http://www.law.byu.edu).

—CHASE BARLET



## Ballroom dancing at BYUH

**S**tudents can have fun, enjoy some refreshments and dance the night away when the EXS 180, Social Dance class holds this semester's practicum dance on Saturday, March 28 from 8-11 p.m. in the Aloha Center Ballroom. Called "Dance Into Spring," Elissa Oleole, who teaches the class with her husband, said, "Dress is semi-formal, it's free to the campus family, we will have yummy refreshments and ballroom dancing." Dances will include the swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha, tango, rumba and four presentations will be performed by the Ballroom Dance class students throughout the night. Students in EXS 180 are required to find a date outside of the class that they will dance with during most of the evening. Students along with their dates and anyone belonging to the BYUH campus family will be required to reserve their place by picking up tickets from the EXS office located in the McKay (Old) Gym Building. Tickets are free for everyone and will be available during school hours until March 24. Dress for the occasion is semi-formal, which means a white shirt and tie, dress pants and shoes for men, and a modest, Sunday-best dress for women.

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## Federalism Conference Gathering on campus to be part of book

**S**eventeen individuals from around the country met in BYU-Hawaii's television studio on Friday, March 13, 2009, to discuss issues that have the potential to change the world's outlook on federalism and intergovernmental relations. Troy Smith, BYUH associate professor of political science, was approached by the Forum of Federations to coordinate one of 13 round table discussions-planned to happen globally.

"What they [the Forum of Federations] have done is they've had 13 different dialogues going on in 13 different countries, so this was the USA dialogue," said Smith. "In November the coordinators for each country's dialogues will get together in India, have a discussion on what they've learned, and a book will come out with a chapter from each country."

Among the 17 members of Smith's round table were members of local, state, and national governments, including Sandra Sagasi, a cabinet member of Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann's, former Hawaii House of Representatives member Colleen Meyer and Former U.S. House of Representatives member Ed Case. Other members of the round table included Pacific Business News journalist Chad Blair, public information officer John Cummings, and Dean of Seton Hall University's College of Arts and Sci-



**ABOVE:** Participants of a roundtable discussion held during Professor Troy Smith's Federalism Conference on Friday, March 13. There were 17 participants in the discussion, among which were local, state and national government leaders.

ences Joseph Marbach. The conference focused on relations between different levels of government.

"National, state and local governments coordinate and collaborate to get things done. There's a lot of concern about this. For example, the Barack Obama stimulus package has money from the national government, but implementation is carried out by state and local governments," said Smith. "It's important that there is good coordination and collaboration between levels of government. (We were) trying to understand what works and what doesn't work and why in intergovernmental relations."

Another discussion topic of the conference was on the growth of nationalization. One participant of the conference remarked, "My constituents don't care which level of government is responsible for something. All they know is there is a problem and they want it solved."

This mentality leads to power being taken from

the local and state governments, where people can get involved, and puts power at the national level. The problem with national policies is that they generally don't account for the diversity of America and the need for its diverse policies, said Smith.

Other topics discussed at the event included the idea that the government is driven by short-term interest principles and the need for citizens to take an interest in local and state government.

"One of the lessons that came out of the event was that those who know the system, who monitor the system and participate in the system could have a significant influence on the system. The message is that you either participate and influence it the way you want it to go, or it will move along without you and do things you may not like," said Smith.

-CHARLOTTE ALDRIDGE

## Hannemann becomes new BYUH 1st Stake president

**O**ne of the students in Art Hannemann's BYUH 5th Ward said she has mixed feelings about having to say goodbye to her bishop as he steps into the role of stake president of the BYUH 1st Stake.

"I see him as a father," said Marilia Selli, senior in political science from Brazil, who has been in Hannemann's

ward for the past two years. Selli said though she is sad he is leaving, "I'm happy he's so worthy he can take another step to become president. He's going to help a lot with the singles in the BYUH 1st Stake."

President Ara Meha, long-time friend of Hannemann, said, "President Art Hannemann is well prepared to do the Lord's work. He is hard working, humble, caring, compassionate, and a loving husband and father. Awesome blessings will come to the 1st Stake."

Amanda Whitford, senior in exercise and sports science from California, added, "He is an awesome bishop. He is always involved and such a good guy."

Hannemann's reaction to being called as a new stake president was that it is "extremely humbling," he said. "In March it would have been three years that I was bishop in the 5th Ward." Recalling when he went to school here at BYU-Hawaii in the

1980s, he said the 5th Ward was also his ward when he was first married. His wife, Peggy Hannemann, he continued, even served as the ward's Relief Society president.

Bobby Tree, senior in history from Washington and member of the BYUH 1st Stake, said his first impression of his new stake president was he could feel love from him. Tree said he went up to shake Hannemann's hand when he became the new stake president, and said he told him, "We look forward to getting to know you," and he said, "I love you brother." He's a really loving guy. That's all I know of him."

The previous president of the BYUH 1st Stake was Al Pierce, who served as president for seven years, Hannemann said. He said Pierce "did an incredible job with the youth. Pierce has a huge heart, a love for people, and has helped thousands of youth." Hannemann added that Pierce "is known for having banana splits at his house."

Talking about his own values, Hannemann said, "The most important thing is our family. Hannemann

and his wife have seven sons, four who are married, and eight grandchildren. Hannemann said he and his boys love surfing and hanging out together.

Andrea Hannemann, President Hannemann's daughter-in-law, said, "I think it's a good position for him because he likes setting people up and being involved." When Andrea was single about two years ago, President Hannemann showed Andrea pictures of his fourth son, Shem, who was serving a mission in Tahiti. Now Andrea and Shem are married with a beautiful baby boy, she said.

Hannemann, who worked at the Polynesian Cultural Center and was a janitor at the temple as a student, said, "Without the PCC, I could not have graduated. I am a product of PCC and [President David O.] McKay's vision."

Serving in the BYUH 1st Stake presidency with Hannemann are Alfred Grace, who is the head of marketing at the PCC, and Glade Tew, who is an accounting professor in BYUH's School of Business.

-MARNI VAIL



**LEFT:** Recently appointed 1st Stake President Art Hannemann with his wife Peggy.



# SEASIDERS

## end best season Ever



### BYUH finishes

**T**he BYU-Hawaii men's basketball team fell victim to a tremendous comeback by the visiting Broncos of Cal Poly Pomona on Wednesday, March 18. The Seasideers saw a double-digit lead slip away over the last 6:39 as the Broncos capped a 16-2 run with 3.5 seconds left for a 59-58 victory.


The Seasideers finished their postseason run in the regional championship game, the same in which the then number one seed and host university, Alaska Anchorage, ousted them last year. The Seasideers were awarded the number one seed in this season's West Region tournament on the strength of a 25-1 regular season record. A three-point shot by Trension Akana got the Seasideers on track early Wednesday night, and BYUH quickly took command of the game. Despite an uncharacteristically low-scoring half, the Seasideers never trailed,

**LEFT:** (L to R) Nathan Sims, Jermaine Odjegba, and JR Buensuceso, along with their fellow Seasideers, contributed to the success of the season.

**ABOVE:** Coach Ken Wagner, who has led the men's basketball team since 1990.

**RIGHT:** Jet Li, freshman guard from Taiwan, as flies through the air on his way to sink a lay-up. The Seasideers won this game against Humboldt State, moving them into the final round of the regional playoffs where they faced the 3rd ranked Cal Poly Pomona.





## last game in a shocking loss

closing with a 28-23 lead at the break. BYUH continued to dominate early in the second half, stretching the lead to as much as 15 before the Broncos started to chip away at the scoreboard. Seaside head coach Ken Wagner said of the final minutes, "We had some defensive lapses. We missed some shots we normally would have hit."

Cal Poly took advantage and grabbed its first lead of the game with 53 seconds remaining on a Tobias Jahn free throw. BYUH quickly regained the lead, 58-57, when junior forward Lucas Alves hit two free throws of his own. However, it was Larry Gordon, the other preseason All-American from the West Region, who would have the final say in the game. Gordon, a senior forward, slid around a ball screen with less than 15 seconds left, and was immediately swarmed by Seaside before throwing up an errant shot. The ball clanged off of the iron, but Gordon came down with his own rebound and put the ball immediately back up toward the hoop. "I knew the clock was running down. I just put it up at the rim," said Gordon. For a moment that lasted an eternity, the ball rattled around, then settled into the basket with 3.5 seconds left

on the clock. "If [the ball] bounces the other way, BYUH wins," said Cal Poly Pomona head coach Greg Kamansky following the game. An off-balance heave at the buzzer by Marques Whippy, sophomore in international business management from Bua, Fiji, and just like that, the game – and the season – was over for the Seaside.

Before the Seaside could leave the court, however, the raucous crowd of Seaside supporters rewarded the players with one last cheer. Chants of "B-Y-U-H, B-Y-U-H" filled the arena, aimed at the most successful basketball team in school history. "Hearing our fans chanting our name feels good," said Alves, junior in exercise and sports science from Casa Branca, Brazil. Alves stated that it was good to know that the team had the crowd's support "no matter what."

Decked out in Seaside red, Lee Kane was one of the four-thousand-plus attendees. "It was upsetting that we lost, but we had a great season. Our team is amazing," said Kane, senior in psychology from Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Even the Broncos were impressed with the intensity and volume of the crowd. Gordon complimented the Seaside faithful, shaking his

head and saying, "the crowd was ridiculous. I give it to BYUH."

Gordon finished the game with a double-double, scoring 18 points and pulling in 15 rebounds, none bigger than the follow up of his own shot at the end. Alves led the Seaside with 18 points of his own in addition to five rebounds and two blocks. BYUH placed two players on the All-Tournament team, Alves and senior guard Nate Sims, who finished with 11 points on the night.

BYU-Hawaii defeated Humboldt State, 98-84, on Friday, March 13 in the first-round game and Cal State Dominguez Hills, 84-71, on March 14 to advance to the championship game against Cal Poly Pomona. The Seaside's overall record now stands at 27-2.

The 3rd-seeded Bronco men reached the regional championship with a pair of wins over Cal State San Bernardino, 83-81 (OT), and Seattle Pacific, 80-72, at the west sub-regional in Bellingham, Washington.

Cal Poly Pomona will advance to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight Men's Basketball Championships in Springfield, Massachusetts.

—Sam Akinaka



# SPORTS

## Softball tops Academy of Art, loses to Hilo, Dixie State

**A**side from wins against the Academy of Art on Monday, March 16, and Wednesday, March 18, it was a rough week for the BYU-Hawaii softball team. The Seasideers lost both games of a doubleheader against UH-Hilo last Friday, both conference games against Chaminade last Saturday, and the second game of Monday's doubleheader against the AAU Urban Knights.

The win against the Urban Knights on Monday came in dramatic fashion, with Kahealani Alohioka-Betham, sophomore in social work from Ewa Beach, hitting a walk off homer in the bottom of the eighth inning for the come-from-behind victory. Lady Seasideer pitcher, Julianne Tialavea, freshman in special education from West Jordan, Utah, was proud of her team for pulling together this week.

"We kept fighting through the rough innings," said Tialavea.

The Seasideers scratched out two hard fought wins against the Urban Knights on Wednesday, improving to 10-18 on the season.

After Thursday's game against Notre Dame de Namur was cancelled due to a wet field, the Lady Seasideers lost Friday's doubleheader

against UH-Hilo 0-3 and 2-3. Ivy Sessions, senior in art from Huntington Beach, Calif., had two hits, a run and an RBI on the day. Morgan Necaise, junior in exercise and sports science from Bay St. Louis, Miss., joined Sessions in the first game with a single, but the Seasideers were unable to get on the scoreboard.

In the second game Melissa Lehano, senior in elementary education from Mililani, was brought home by a Sessions double into left-center following her second stolen base of the day. Sessions came home on a single for the second and final run for BYU-Hawaii.

The Lady Seasideers lost Saturday's doubleheader against Dixie State, 1-4 and 4-7. Sessions led the Seasideers' hitters again with two singles on 2-4 in the first game. The only run on the game came from a homerun by Necaise in the bottom of the seventh inning.

In the second game Lauren Fielding, freshman in pre-professional biology from Mesa, Ariz., went 2-3 with a single and a double. Three other Seasideers contributed a single each, and four different players scored, putting BYUH ahead 4-1 in the second inning before allowing six runs in the third.

—MEGHAN SEELY



**ABOVE:** (L to R) Lauren Fielding, Brook Perrison and Tina Moen standing in the outfield during their game against the Academy of Art on March 16.

## Men's and women's tennis defeat Hilo

Lady Seasideers increase record to 14-0, continuing their winning streak after beating UH-Hilo 9-0 and 6-0



**ABOVE:** Manu Bajpai sends the ball back across the net during his singles match.

**RIGHT:** Women's doubles team with Yuan Jia and Wen-lin Wang play during a recent match on campus.

**T**he BYU-Hawaii men's tennis team could leapfrog UH-Hilo in the upcoming release of Division II rankings, following the Seasideers March 17 win over the Vulcans.

A day after losing a heartbreaker to UH-Hilo, the 25th-ranked men roared back with a near sweep of the 24th-ranked Vulcans on Tuesday. The second-ranked women continued its perfect season, extending its win streak to 14 over an outmatched UH-Hilo women's tennis squad.

"The season itself looks promising," said team manager Lucy Mercado, sophomore in exercise and sports science from Lansdale, Pa., "In tennis it's all about the doubles. If doubles win then it is that much easier to win the match."

The men proved Mercado's words, dropping two of three doubles matches on Monday on the way to the loss. They fought back in the singles matches, but an injury to Manu Bajpai, soph-

omore from Bangalore, India, proved to be the difference as his withdrawal contributed to the Seasideers' 5-4 loss.

On Tuesday the men started strong, winning two out of three doubles matches. They then picked up steam, winning the final three complete matches. The Seasideers also led in two of the three remaining matches with the final match tied at one set apiece.

The Seasideer men also split matches with the Vulcans earlier in the season at UH-Hilo.

The women dominated on both Monday and Tuesday, defeating the 29th-ranked UH-Hilo 9-0 and 6-0 to improve their record to 14-0. The Seasideers trail only Armstrong Atlantic in the national rankings. Armstrong Atlantic defeated BYUH in last season's semifinal match on the way to the national championship. The Seasideer women have only lost two doubles matches all year and have not lost a singles match to date.

—TRIJJSTEN LEACH



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## National Library Week

comes

# to BYUH

Since 1958, National Library Week has been celebrated throughout the nation. This week the BYU-Hawaii library participated in this nationally celebrated event to help people to support their local libraries and librarians. National Library Week is usually celebrated towards the beginning of April, but the BYUH library staff wanted to cater to a larger group of students so they chose to celebrate the occasion this week from Monday, March 16, to Wednesday, March 18.

What exactly is National Library Week? This week is set aside for all of the libraries and librarians across the nation to let people know what they do on a daily basis and to provide the public with information it needs to know. Whether it is a school, public, academic or special library, they all take part in this week.

How did National Library Week start? Research of the mid-50s showed that ever since radio and television have been invented, people spent more time with their new technology than reading or going to the libraries. Concern about the decline in reading has had grown so much that the ALA (American Library Association) and the American Book Publishers formed a non-profit citizens organization called the National Book Committee in 1954.

The committee's goals ranged from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time," to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life." In 1957 the committee

came up with the idea that, with motivation, people would read and begin to support and use their libraries to their fullest potential - and to this end, National Library Week was founded.

How did the BYUH Joseph F. Smith Library celebrate National Library Week? This year's activities revolved around the theme, "Worlds connect @ your library." The activities included readings done in different languages from students who are enrolled in language classes on campus, and movies that were shown on Monday through Wednesday night at 9 p.m. on the library's outside wall facing the Little Circle. Some other activities included guessing games with prizes and an activity for students to turn in their own quick and easy recipes. Also the library hosted the faculty band, PJBsquared, which played Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the library courtyard.

AUSTIN COOK

### National Library Week Events

- Readings in different languages by students
- Movies and faculty band PJBsquared performed
- Games and prizes

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## Honoring 'Uncle Bill'

*Iosepa captain and Hawaiian Studies director remembered as follower of Christ, man of aloha*

**A**n "ocean" of people came to honor the late William Kauaiwiulaokalani Wallace III, known on campus as "Uncle Bill," filling the Laie Hawaii Stake Center during his funeral services on Saturday, March 14.

"What a testimony to this great man to have an ocean of people here to remember him," said Wallace's Bishop, David Orme, who conducted the services. Wallace, 60, was the director of BYU-Hawaii's Hawaiian Studies and captain of the program's traditional Hawaiian sailing canoe, Iosepa. He died on March 2 after a year-and-a-half battle with cancer.

Wallace was born and raised on Molokai. He is of Hawaiian, Scottish, Samoan and Tongan ancestry, and his mother's Hawaiian family has ties over many centuries to Laie.

After graduating from Kamehameha, Wallace earned a history degree from BYUH in 1972 and then returned to Molokai to teach. Later he graduated from BYU Law School, and after serving as assistant attorney general for American Samoa and practicing law in Laie, he joined the BYUH history faculty in the early 1990s, where he was instrumental in establishing the Hawaiian Studies program and overseeing the creation and launching of Iosepa. He also served as a Hawaii Family Court per diem judge. Earlier in his career, Wallace served as

a Polynesian Cultural Center officer and president of the Laie Community Association.

At the beginning of Wallace's funeral, a message from Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann was read. It called Wallace an "unwavering symbol of strength, wisdom and gratitude" not only to his family but also all who were "fortunate to be his friends."

In the last few hours of his life, his wife, Amanda Wallace, said his thoughts were for those he knew and loved. She said he dictated these words to her: "Aloha to everyone! I love all of you very much. God bless all of you. You are all wonderful people, and I will always remember all of you."

She spoke at the funeral along with Wallace's four children: son William Wallace IV; daughters Lattisha, Tatiana Crosby and Jerusha Magalei. Jerusha and others said of their father that he was a man who did things that were "pono" or right and that the most important things to him were his family and the gospel of Jesus Christ. "God blessed all of us for knowing him," said his daughter Tatiana.

Wallace's cousin Cy Bridges said when Wallace was young, he decided to dedicate his life to learning. "And to accomplish the things he has done," he said, "it is quite mind boggling."

Earlier in the week, BYUH President Steven C. Wheelwright and approximately 50 administrators, colleagues, students and community



**ABOVE:** William Wallace, or "Uncle Bill" as people on campus and in the community called him, stands beside his beloved Iosepa canoe. Wallace passed away March 2, leaving a legacy of aloha for his family and friends.

members marched in a Polynesian procession to the top of Laie Point on March 10 to offer chants and pay tribute to "Uncle Bill." It seemed a fitting thing to do since Wallace was well known for chanting Hawaiian greetings on hundreds of occasions.

BYUH alum and adjunct Hawaiian language instructor Ka'umealani Walk said traditionally when someone passes away people would bring gifts of aloha, including food, for the family. "We're also here to offer our spiritual strength. We offer our aloha because love conquers all. We honor Uncle Bill because of the influence he's had in all of our lives. He's been a true mentor to all of us, so we gladly carry our kuleana [stewardship or responsibility] now that he's on the other side of the veil."

President Wheelwright said to Wallace's family on that day: "Please

know the respect we had for Uncle Bill. We've been blessed by his life. We're so grateful for the wonderful institution he has left. Long after many things are forgotten, we'll remember that he lived well and served others."

Kamoa'e Walk, who has succeeded Wallace along with Kawika Eskaran as captains of the Iosepa, said Wallace had begun "the next stage of his voyage ... and we have to continue our voyage here as we continue to make the Hawaiian Studies program better and do those things we have kuleana to do."

Wallace is survived by his wife, Amanda, four children and six grandchildren. His first wife, Nihipora "Auntie Nikki" Wallace, was a BYUH alumna and Maori language instructor. She preceded him in death.

-MIKE FOLEY AND LEEANN LAMBERT

## 72-hour kits help make emergencies less stressful

**T**he theme of "being prepared" is presented to LDS Church members multiple times a year – in General Conference, the Ensign, and various church meetings.

The First Presidency issued this message in the pamphlet "All Is Safely Gathered In: Family Home Storage," published in February 2007: "We encourage members worldwide to prepare for adversity in life by having a basic supply of food and water and some money in savings."

This message clarifies that food storage and savings are important for members all over the world, single students and student families alike.

Although this may seem a difficult task as college students trying to work, study, and pay tuition, the General Authorities of the church do not expect storage to be built up quickly.

In "All Is Safely Gathered In," the First Presidency also says, "We ask that you be wise as you store food and water and build your savings. Do not go to extremes; it is not prudent, for example, to go into

debt to establish your food storage all at once."

BYUH students are also not expected to have a full 72-hour kit or supply of food storage. In case of an emergency, all students are to report to the on campus Stake Center where the university will provide meals and shelter. Eugenia Lawrence, assistant director of Human Resources, who also works with BYUH's Risk Management services and Emergency Planning committee, suggested these basic items for student 72-hour kits:

- **Prescription medications**
- **A change of clothes**
- **Things to read or keep you occupied**
- **Snacks.** "Although Food Services will provide meals, it will only be about two full meals a day with maybe some snacks between," said Lawrence, "So if you're someone that gets hungry, you may want some extra food."
- **Extra bottled water**

Lawrence said single students will need different supplies in their kits than student families. In addition

to the basic items listed above, Lawrence suggested families with children should include baby formula or snacks for children, bottles, diapers, and toys and activities such as coloring books to keep kids busy.

In regards to the emergency shelter situation on campus for students, Lawrence wanted students to know that if there is an emergency, both single and married students will be at the Stake Center. Students should be aware there will probably be noise and children around as well, and they may be asked to help others around them.

As a warning to students about emergency preparedness, Lawrence said, "Students think that they do not need to be prepared because the school will take care of them. But even though the university will provide relief, they are also trying to take care of the community. The CAC is a designated Red Cross Disaster Relief Center, so [BYUH] has more to worry about than just students."

-RACHEL ADAMS

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# Helping people believe in themselves is Jones' goal

**B**arbara Barrington Jones has a message for women all over the world and she is determined to share it. With an unwavering belief in the divine power and potential of women, Jones has spent the past week on BYU-Hawaii campus teaching students how to reach this potential during the first International Institute of Professional Protocol.

Having worked hard to become successful, in spite of numerous difficulties, she advises young women about how each of them can fulfill their divine potential.

A passionate dancer since the age of 6, she moved from her hometown of El Paso, Texas to New York City at 17 to pursue a career in ballet. After spending 18 months with the New York City Ballet, Jones went back to Texas to recuperate after struggling with anorexia and bulimia.

This is where she met and married her first husband and the father of her two children. During the majority of her 12-year marriage, Jones suffered abuse from her husband, who abruptly killed himself in the end.

When talking about her marriage, Jones said it's difficult for people to understand why women don't leave abusive relationships. "It's fear, and you stay because you're afraid. It's horrible. We are all afraid to leave, then you have children and then you're saying, but what can I do now? I'm a ballerina; I'm not making very much money. So you stay and you wallow in the comfort of discomfort."

For women who are in abusive relationships her message is clear: "You've got to get out of it! Start

doing things for yourself. Use your talents!"

Perhaps it was these experiences that inspired her philosophy: "There is no earthly force greater than the divine power within a woman determined to rise."

In spite of her trying circumstances, the self-proclaimed "workaholic" was determined to make something of herself. She began working long hours teaching ballet privately and at the University of Texas. Soon an opportunity opened to work in fashion, and she started out working practically for free doing anything she could; weddings, wigs, costuming for parades and fashion shows. This eventually led to her involvement with the Dallas Barbi-zon School, which she now owns. Jones said she used the school in Dallas as a way of transitioning into a new life after the death of her husband.

During this time she met her second husband, Hal Jones. After two years of "courting," they were married and she moved her family to his home city of San Francisco. Jones' lifestyle changed dramatically at this point. She had previously struggled to maintain a balance between work and family, but her new husband told her, "I

ruined two marriages by not taking care of my family. I won't let you do this, because you will rue the day that your children don't know you and don't care about you."

From that day on she was home every morning to take her children to school and waiting for them when they got home. These relationships were further reinforced when the family joined the church in 1982.



**ABOVE:** Barbara Barrington Jones speaks at the International Institute of Professional Protocol concluding dinner on Saturday, March 14 in the BYUH Stake Center.



**ABOVE:** Barbara Jones has spent years working with women and men to improve how they present themselves as an image consultant and as a lecturer.

"The gospel made our family so much stronger. In this time, we need to knit our family together to keep them together," she said. Jones said she has spent much of her life juggling numerous projects, but her No. 1 priority has since been her family.

With many triumphs and accomplishments in her professional and personal life, Jones thinks of her family as her best endeavor yet. "Raising my two wonderful children is my greatest success. I'm so proud of them, they are great parents to my grandchildren."

As she travels the world speaking to women, she is determined to impart some of what she holds so dear. "There is a reason why a woman was the first at the cradle and the last at the cross. Heavenly Father loves us so much as women." She concluded, "Life is not just surviving the storms, but learning to dance in the rain while holding tightly to the hand of Christ."

-LUCY CAMMOCK

## BYUHSA Primary Election eliminates 3 teams

**T**here were 1,074 votes cast in the BYUHSA Primary Election last week, which is about 50 more than last year's primary. That's also about 44.75 percent of the whole student body.

Alma's team had 32 percent of the votes, and Roger's team had 29 percent of the votes. The percentages for the other teams cannot be disclosed, but the remaining 39 percent was pretty evenly split between the remaining three candidates.

Elections activities this week are as follows:

- Campaigning Tuesday through Friday
- Q&A Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon in the Aloha Center

- Thursday voting runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Friday voting runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Winners will be announced to the teams first and then to the school at Culture Club Night.

-RACHEL ADAMS



**ABOVE:** Roger Brown and Jennifer Tongi.



**ABOVE:** Emily Judson and Alma Fonua



# Opinion: Why the Ke Alaka'i changed

## TWELFTH NIGHT OR WHAT YOU WILL

**B**YU-Hawaii's Fine Arts department's next theatrical performance, "Twelfth Night, or What You Will", will continue to display the talents of students here at BYUH.

"Twelfth Night" is a comedy by William Shakespeare with an intricate plot that involves cross-dressing, mistaken identities, love, and deception. The most modern interpretation of this Shakespearean plot was used in the movie "She's the Man," which premiered in 2006.

"Twelfth Night" deals with the story of twins Viola, played by Tessa Brady, and Sebastian, played by Mike Buck. Viola becomes separated from her brother Sebastian and is shipwrecked in the land of Illyria at the beginning of the play. She thinks that Sebastian is dead, and decides to disguise herself as a boy named

Cesario. While appearing as a boy, she begins to serve Orsino, the Duke of Illyria, played by Jacob Contor.

Orsino is desperately in love with Countess Olivia, played by Gaillyn Bopp. The Duke sends "Cesario" to deliver a message to the Countess on his behalf. Olivia then falls in love with Cesario as he delivers this message, thinking that he is actually a man. The plot is further twisted as Viola/Cesario falls in love with the Duke, while she is serving as his messenger and confidant.

BYU-Hawaii's production of this Shakespeare play will be performed Tuesday, March 17 – Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the McKay Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 general admission, \$3 for faculty and staff, and \$2 for students and can be purchased at the Aloha Center Front Desk. The Fine Arts department is also giving away 40 free tickets for the opening night performance, which can be claimed at the Front Desk as well.

—Rachel Adams

What: Twelfth Night  
When: Thur., March 19 to  
Sat., March 21  
7:30 p.m.  
Where: McKay Auditorium



**A**s is likely to happen on a small campus such as BYU-Hawaii, rumors have been circulating about the reasons behind the changes in the Ke Alaka'i format. For those who haven't noticed (hint, hint) the print source of news on campus, known by its Hawaiian name that means "the leader," has changed both its appearance and printing schedule.

The Ke Alaka'i, now in a 12-page, all-color magazine format, prints every week. This change was made because the Ke Alaka'i staff wanted to make the change.

At the end of Fall Semester 2009, the editor-in-chief for over two years, Lianna Quillen, graduated and moved on. It was then time for new leadership and, the staff felt, a change in the way the campus news was presented as well. We wanted to see more color added to our news presentation, and we felt that having the newspaper print every other week meant there was too large of a lapse in between editions, and it led to stale news. We felt the new presentation would make the news fresher and more exciting. After all, we want as many people as possible to read what we print.

Our layout artists and art director worked together to create some mock-ups late last semester so staff members could see if they liked it or not. The change was not, nor did it need to be, approved by the administration. We remain, like any legitimate news organization, free from bias and heavy-handed direction.

Last summer the Ke Alaka'i was moved from the College of Fine Arts and Sciences as part of the campus restructuring and is now under the direction of University Relations and Communications, led by Bill Neal, assistant to the president, and Michael Johanson, director of com-

munications. LeeAnn Lambert continues to be the advisor for the Ke Alaka'i.

With that in mind, let us mention some of the reasons that helped sway our decision to make the change: 1) It is more colorful and exciting, and allows our art people to expand their talents and stretch their wings, so to speak; 2) Your hands are no longer covered in newsprint ink after you peruse the pages of the Ke Alaka'i; 3) The paper is now printed on campus, through Print Services, which means the printing is cheaper for us, the money we spend on printing stays right on campus (which made the people in charge of budget cuts quite supportive) and because it never leaves campus, printing time is shortened significantly; 4) Signs of the times: So much of the news is now online rather than in print, and we hoped this type of design would draw more people to our Web site, kealakai.byuh.edu. So far it has been successful, and we hope to see that continue and even increase. 5) It makes the campus a little more marketable: This format can easily be sent in mailers to prospective students, donors and friends of the university.

So, whether you have heard the rumors that have been circulating around campus or not, we hope this clears them up. We made the decisions ourselves, and with the support of our advisor, we feel it has been a success and that we are moving in a positive direction.

Feel free to let us know how you feel about it though. We love feedback. You can e-mail us at kealakai@byuh.edu, drop us a line on Facebook, or even stop by the office at Aloha Center room 134.

Have a great rest of the semester, and join us next term for more great news. Mahalo nui loa for your support.

—KE ALAKAI STAFF WINTER 2009

## CAMPUS & TOWN CALENDAR

**20**  
FRIDAY

### Campus

- 9pm cac Culture Night (free)
- acrl 55 Women's Luncheon
- Payday

### Town

- 55th Annual Kula Orchid Show at Leilehua High School

**21**  
SATURDAY

### Campus

- 5-8pm acb lesuma
- 9pm cac Culture Night
- No school movies this weekend

### Town

- "Sleeping Beauty: The Musical" for more information 528-0506
- 22nd annual Great Hawaiian Rubber Duckie Race and Festival for more info 808-532-6744

**22**  
SUNDAY

### Campus

- 4th wd conference
- 7:30pm CAC 1st & 3rd stk Musical Fireside

### Town

- Waikiki Beach Walk Sunday Concerts for more info 921-6897

**23**  
MONDAY

### Campus

- 5pm aud Kaitiyn Favero piano recital (free)

### Town

**24**  
TUESDAY

### Campus

- 11am cac devotional w/Elder Won Yong Ko
- 5pm acb jr vocal recital w/Siu Hing Chan
- 6pm exs grads dinner

### Town

- Statewide Taro Festival for more information contact kahea-alliance@hawaii.rr.com

**25**  
WEDNESDAY

### Campus

- 10:30am acb IAAP luncheon
- 6pm acb Mahana Kanoho Pulotu/Vocal Recital (free)
- 7:30pm aud Salsa Orchestra Concert (free)
- 9pm acb Immigration Update 675-3520

### Town

- Journey in concert for more info 877-745-3000

**26**  
THURSDAY

### Campus

- 9-5pm Library Open/Book-store closed
- acb Japanese club talent show
- 3rd stk enrichment
- Kuhio Day (school holiday)

### Town

- Prince Kuhio Statue Ceremony for more info 808-224-8068





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**ON THE COVER:** A member of the Hawaiian Club dances during the Saturday night performance of Culture Night. The Hawaiian Club is one of the larger clubs and campus, and the group filled the activities center floor. A two-day annual event, this year 21 clubs danced or put on cultural presentations during Culture Night, which was held in the Cannon Activities Center on March 20 and 21.

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# BYUHSA student elections determined by 28 votes

In the BYUHSA General Elections last Thursday and Friday, March 19 to 20, 1079 students cast their vote for BYUHSA President and Executive Vice President. The vote was split 51 percent to 49 percent, with only 28 votes separating the two candidates. Alma Fonua and Emily Judd won the election, and will be BYUHSA President and Vice President for the 2009-2010 year.

## Q&A REPORT:

The final Q&A session was held Thursday morning, March 19, in the Aloha Center Mall at 11 a.m. During this session, candidate teams Roger Brown and Jennifer Tongi and Alma Fonua and Emily Judd answered questions about themselves and their campaign ideas.

These questions were written by students and audience members, the current BYUHSA team and the candidates themselves.

After a week of campaigning, this was an opportunity to once again let voters get to know the candidates and make a decision on who they should vote for.



**ABOVE:** Emily Judd and Alma Fonua won the BYUHSA General Elections March 19-20 with 51 percent of the votes. The difference between Fonua and Judd and their opposing candidates was 28 single votes.

The teams discussed budget cuts, changes that they thought would improve BYUHSA, leadership qualities and

specific ideas they had that would improve the campus.

When asked to explain the mean-

ing of their campaign slogan "Walk the Talk," Brown said, "It just means that we are what we are, what you see is what you get."

"Being BYUHSA President is a big position, but ultimately it's just a position. You should still be who you are, and that's what our campaign is all about."

Judd had the opportunity to explain why their campaign, "Peace by Piece," used stars as a logo.

She demonstrated, with the help of Fonua and Brown, that with five hands each making a peace sign, all of the fingers could be put together and it made a star shape. Therefore, each peace sign was a piece of the star, and all of the hands worked together to create a picture.

The Q&A session was also kept lighthearted and fun, with the challenge for each team to come up with a song that described their campaign, excluding church music, within 30 seconds. Brown and Tongi were first to answer, and they sang a rendition of "I can on Me."

When Fonua and Judd went to answer the question, Fonua simply said, "Well..." and the two began singing the same song.

The audience laughed at this coincidence, and Janelle Cabacungan, who was conducting the Q&A, said, "I was hoping somebody was going to rap for me or something!"

—RACHEL ADAMS

## Wilcox to be JS Lecturer

A 36-year veteran Church Educational System educator, Michael Wilcox, will be the speaker for BYU-Hawaii's 15th annual Joseph Smith Lecture series.

The Religion Department, who invites guest speakers every year, is excited to once again be hosting the lecture series.

Wilcox will address the students during the devotional hour at 11 a.m. on March 31; then again a second time

that day at 7 p.m. in the BYUH Stake Center, and a third time on April 1 at 3 p.m. in Aloha Center Room 155 165. His three topics are scheduled to be: Understanding God, Finding a Forgiving Savior, and Building an Enduring Testimony.

"The reason why we have the lecture series is so that we can bring a published person that's knowledgeable about the gospel, for the benefit of the community and students," said Anna Kaanga, the secretary for the Religion Department. "We have had lots of people come in the past: Truman Madsen and Gerald Lynn."

Elder Cole, from Orem, Utah, who has worked as a CES administrator for many years, said he has endless respect for Wilcox and what he does. "He is a polished scholar and a highly refined speaker. He is well read and has written many books, both secular and religious. He is what I would call a prolific writer and researcher. You would be hard pressed to find very many people that would surpass Michael."

Cole continued saying, "It would be my hope that every student would have increased capacities of understanding, depth and commitment to the principles being taught by Michael Wilcox. That it will open new doors to the mind and heart."

A graduate from BYU in Provo in English and educational media, Wilcox went on to get a doctorate in educational philosophy from the University of Colorado.

Wilcox has also published many books. "Fire in the Bones" is his latest book and is about the man who translated the King James Version of the Bible, William Tyndale.

"He is a fine teacher and scholar," said Cole. "I hope there is a way that the students will come and feel motivated to be better and strengthen their testimonies."

—LUCY CAMMOCK

## Honors Program hosts 'Brainstorm'

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, students tried their luck answering trivia questions on topics ranging from ancient history to recent sports.

This semester's BYU-Hawaii Honors Program sponsored a Brainstorm trivia challenge that tested the knowledge of 34 BYUH students, separated into 9 different teams. These teams were self-titled: Ted's Bakery, Glottal Stops, Skulls and Bones, Count Rockula and the Super Friends, The Sophisticatrons, Peckerwood, The Dublin Hooligans, The Wiki-Wiki Wombats and Twiddle-Dee-Dee and Twiddle-Dee-Smart.

Dr. Randal Alfred was the host of this trivia game. There were three 15-minute segments with toss-up questions that each team had 20 seconds to answer. Each question was worth 10 points.

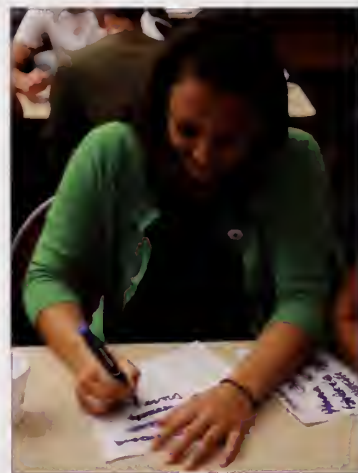
Bonus questions worth varying points were attached to random questions, and all teams who had answered the first question correctly had a chance to get more points from the bonus.

Twiddle-Dee-Dee and Twiddle-Dee-Smart took the lead in the first segment and held onto it the whole game, winning Brainstorm with a score of 390 points.

At the end of the game, The Dublin Hooligans, Count Rockula and the Super Friends were tied for second place. To decide on the final rankings, the tied teams answered three toss-up questions, and the one with the most correct answers awarded second place.

Both teams answered the first two questions correctly, but The Dublin Hooligans missed the last question about the Korean War, placing third overall.

"In the heat of the moment you forget things that you should know- like



**ABOVE:** Melanie Roy, sophomore in biology from California, writes the answer to a problem at the Brainstorm trivia challenge March 17.

the Korean War," said Dustin Geddes, Hooligans team member and senior in biology from Cedar Hills, Utah.

The winning team, Twiddle-Dee-Dee and Twiddle-Dee-Smart consisted of team members Melanie Roy, junior in earth science from San Diego, Calif., Briana Strawn, sophomore in International Cultural Studies from Sheboygan, Wis., and Roberto Leon, sophomore in English from San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

—RACHEL ADAMS



**ABOVE:** Michael Wilcox has been a CES educator for 36 years working in the Seminary and Institute programs as well as teaching at BYU in Provo. He will be the Joseph Smith Lecturer on March 31.



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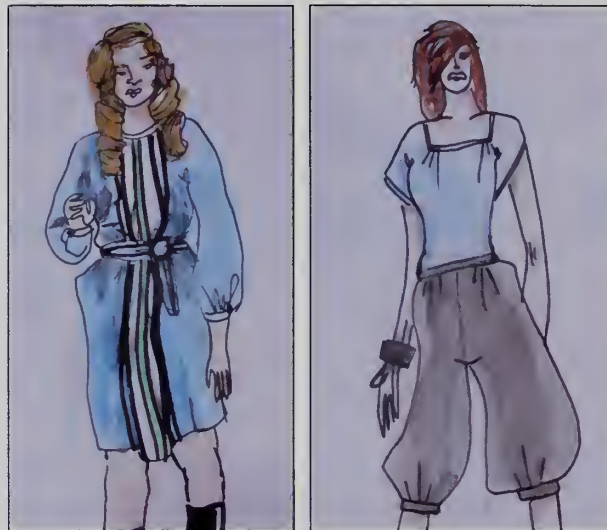
## BYUH student headed to FIDM

One of BYU-Hawaii's own students, Jacqueline Usterud from Stockholm, Sweden, has been accepted to The Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM) in Los Angeles and will be attending this July.

During her time at BYUH Usterud has been an art education major, but her heart has always been in fashion design. "I used to sew stuff with my Grandma for Barbies when I was five years old," she said, "then when I was in high school I took fashion for three years."

Because of her talent and desire to work in the fashion industry, Usterud has had teachers who pushed her to achieve this dream after high school. "I heard about FIDM when I was in high school because our teachers really wanted us to go further with fashion design."

Usterud was previously accepted at FIDM for the fall of 2008, but put it off to come to BYUH. "I found out that I got accepted at FIDM for the fall, but because I was already accepted at BYU-Hawaii, I put off going [there] to come here. Coming here has been great. The art classes I have been taking have improved my way of looking at the human form and proportion. I worked for a couple of years after school so coming here has helped me to get



refocused and back on track. Now I feel like I am really ready to go and work hard at FIDM."

Usterud is determined to become successful and do what she loves, saying, "I really want to start my own label and be working and making clothes." Her label is called Jaykai designs and she describes her aesthetic as "Epic." "It's very feminine," she said, "there are a lot of colors and shapes that are figure friendly. I like mixing with black, grey and white."

Her philosophy is simple, "I would never design or make something that I wouldn't wear myself," she said. Usterud has some unique advice for members of the church who struggle to find clothing that is modest. "I think it's easy to design pieces that aren't necessarily modest, but you have to pair it with other items. People need to think of it as a complete look rather than one piece and then anything can be modest."

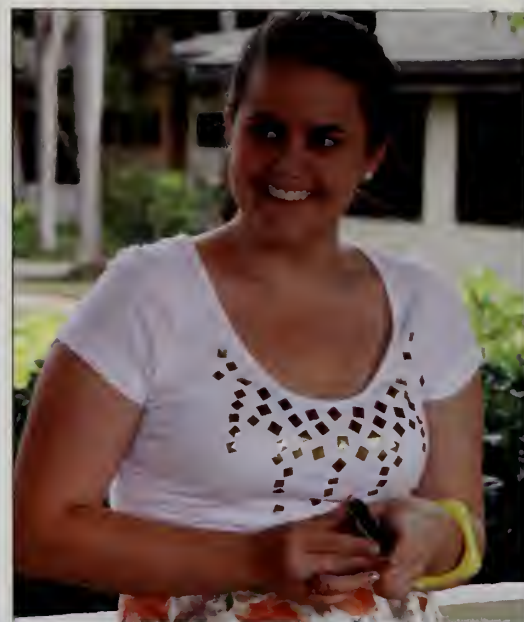
Usterud has mixed feelings concerning her big move to Los Angeles, "I

am so excited, I think it's going to be so nice. But I am scared at the same time; L.A. is so much bigger than Laie. I just can't wait for my dream education to begin."

Keep up with Usterud on her blog or Web site:

[jakiethawaii.blogspot.com](http://jakiethawaii.blogspot.com)  
[bansai.jalbum.net/jaykai](http://bansai.jalbum.net/jaykai)

—LUCY CAMMOCK



**ABOVE:** Jacqueline Usterud, from Stockholm, Sweden, was accepted into the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, one of the top design schools in the U.S.  
**LEFT:** As a Mormon, Usterud pays particular attention in her designs to modesty.

## Music as a medium for the Spirit

BYU-Hawaii students, faculty members, and religious leaders packed into the Cannon Activities Center again to enjoy the combined BYUH singles' stake annual musical fireside. Each ward from both stakes was given the opportunity to prepare and perform a musical number for the fireside, which took place on Sunday, March 22.

Mike Bay, a member of BYUH 2nd Ward from Brigham City, Utah, said, "The spirit was strong and the power of the music carried the testimonies of all the singers to all who listened." Leah Hinckley, a member of BYUH 3rd Ward and director of the ward's musical number counseled the singers to "bear your testimonies" while singing, saying that this was more important than the music.

1st Stake President Arthur Hannemann and 3rd Stake President Von Orgill presided over the meeting. During the fireside, wards each stood up in sets of two, one on each side of the stage, each listening

to the other while performing. The wards stood up in reverse numerical order, with BYUH 20th and 19th Wards performing first, and BYUH 1st and 2nd Wards finishing up the program.

In spite of the great spirit felt at the meeting, some thought it went a bit too long. Devin Eror, a member of BYUH 13th Ward from Kailua, O'ahu, said, "It was long, but good." Eror added, "We prepared for a week, and I enjoyed the fireside."

Art Saowichit, director of the BYUH 1st Ward's choir from Bangkok, Thailand, also said, "that the fireside was too long, but it was necessary because we had 20 wards. But after the fireside you just go home with this feeling of joy and love."

Victoria Silfverberg, member of BYUH 10th Ward from Stockholm, Sweden, expressed her desires while singing. "[The ward] really tried to invite the spirit to linger. We prepared a long time for it to happen," she said. Singing a grand arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," she said the ward prepared for two months.

Saowichit, who arranged and directed the 1st Ward's song, expressed some of the challenges he faced when writing the music. "I wanted to make sure that the arrangement was simple enough for the ward to learn in a very short time and at the same time portray the power and the meaning of the message of the hymn," he said. The ward performed a combination arrangement of Pachelbel's Canon and "The Spirit of God."

Saowichit summed up the evening, saying, "When you sing to convey the message of the gospel, it is powerful."

—BRETT EVANS

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# 1st distance learning students now on campus

A handful of students who have taken one or more of BYU-Hawaii's EIL distance education courses online have arrived on campus this semester. As part of their coursework, Chrissy Suwanto, Lei Chen, Risky Hardi, Seiya Watanabe, San Wing O, Vanessa Tanidman, and Yuji (Barry) Yin all worked with students employees at both BYUH's Language Center and the Reading and Writing Center tutored them over the Internet.

Soon after they arrived, they had a get together with their Language Center tutors. The tutors had been talking to the students every week over the Internet and they were already good friends. Meeting together face-to-face was a happy "reunion" of sorts.

## Background...

Under the direction of former department chair, Maureen Andrade, the Department of English Language Teaching and Learning (ELT) responded quickly to President Steven C. Wheelwright's request that the university move forward in a major way to develop distance education courses that could better prepare future students prior to their arrival at BYUH.

Andrade met with the ELT department's Dr. Ellen Bunker, to formulate a proposal. Thanks to Bunker's hard work and professional training, the ELT department has been able to develop and pilot several EIL distance education courses. With her doctoral degree in distance education, and years of experience developing courses that have been distributed internationally, Bunker's recent hire has been timely for the university and put her in a position to make a unique



EIL distance learning students who took English courses online and were tutored by BYUH students, meet with their tutors and instructors. FRONT ROW (L to R): Chrissy Suwanto, Lei Chen, Gael Weberg, Emily Judd, Timmy Goodman; BACK ROW (L to R): Ellen Bunker, Risky Hari, Seiya Watanabe, Aubrey Olsen, Naomi Asai, and San Wing O.

contribution to BYUH.

The course development team first created an intermediate reading/writing course (EIL 229). The course, created by a team of EIL teachers and Gael Weberg, an instructional designer from the Department of Online Curriculum, offered their first pilot during the Spring and Summer terms of 2008.

Following the successful pilot of the first course, a second course, an intermediate writing course (EIL 227) was developed. A third course, EIL 225 Intermediate II Church language, is being developed this semester.

## Recent news...

While the development teams are busy creating the courses, the program is also busy collecting data. To help evaluate the distance courses, EIL faculty Rick Nelson and Aubrey Olsen made a brief visit to five distance students in Cambodia following presentations at a professional conference in Malaysia. They interviewed the students who were currently enrolled in EIL 229 and watched them work on the course at their local Internet cafés.

Students praised the variety and content of the course and the weekly tutoring done via Skype by BYUH students. The students in Cambodia, for example, said they plan questions to ask tutors each week to help them with their

course work. Lei Chen said the tutoring sessions were her favorite part of the course and wished they could have several sessions a week. She also said she used the feedback from her Reading and Writing Center tutors to correct all the comments made on her writing.

This semester the EIL department has hired three students to join the distance education effort in EIL. Alexis Young (TESOL) and Jessica Davis (Special Education) have been assigned to a course development team, while Keita Takashima (TESOL) was hired as a student researcher. According to Bunker, "With Keita's help, we are gathering ethnographic and linguistic information from the newly-arrived students about the strengths and weaknesses of the courses we're developing."

## Going forward . . .

With the success of the first courses, the EIL program is planning for further development next year. In Bunker's words: "Developing effective courses that take into account the life situations and technology requirements of distance students takes careful planning.... Overall, we have been extremely pleased with the completion rate and success of the EIL distance students. We congratulate them on their good work and welcome them to campus."

—MARK JAMES



ABOVE: Staff members of the recently created Career and Alumni Services office are (L to R) Leialoha Pakalani, Theone Taala, Ken Prolo, Rowena Reid, Corbin Thomander and Jodi Chowen.

## Not two, but one: Career and Alumni Services

Anyone passing through the Aloha Center may have noticed that the Alumni Relations department no longer occupies its corner office. Career Services and the Alumni Department have combined to form a new department that seeks to improve relationships between alumni, students and

employers. Located in the former Career Center, the new department called Career and Alumni Services combines a total of four previously separate areas: Career and Alumni Services, Student Employment job postings, Academic Internship and Alumni Relations. The new department now focuses on three main areas: Career Development, Experiential Education, and Employer & Alumni Relations.

Brian Jacques, senior in international business management from Idaho said, "I think that combining these two great centers will be good for students to build their networks and find job connections in this rather bleak job market. Alumni are a great resource for connections in the career world."

The department's organizational structure is set up to best address these three areas of focus. Kim Austin, director of the new department, will focus on all of the administrative responsibilities and alumni chapter matters.

Leialoha Pakalani, Assistant Director and Program Manager for Employer/Alumni Relations, is over career placement, including internships, jobs and career placement, and student mentoring programs, connections between alumni and current students.

Rowena Reid, who was the director of Alumni Relations for 12 years,

is now a career counselor in the new department. "My background is in counseling, so I'm glad to be back in that area," said Reid. "I loved working with the alumni for 12 years, and now I get to help students become better alumni."

Students interested in internships should now get a hold of Theone Taala, manager of Experiential Education. All internships will need to be processed by her from now on. The Web site, records and all other IT-related matters are managed by Corbin Thomander, System Administrator for the department.

Jodi Chowen, who is also the academic advisor for undeclared majors, is the Career Development program manager and is responsible for the Career Advancement Plan (CAP).

Everything that was processed in the old location, such as ordering graduation caps and gowns, alumni ID cards and alumni records and relations are now dealt with in the Career Center, home of the new Career and Alumni Services located next to the cafeteria.

The previous office for Alumni Relations is now being used as a data and administration center. All guests and Alumni are now directed to the Career Center front desk.

—JORDAN FLAKE



# CAMPUS CULTURE NIGHT 2009

BYUH students take the stage to display the cultures of several countries on campus.



Erdenebileg Purevsuren (Bilgee) performs a traditional Mongolian dance at Culture Night on Friday, March 20, in the Cannon Activities Center. Over two nights, more than 20 clubs shared their cultural dances and more at the annual club Culture Night.

## The Night in Numbers

- It took the Kiwi club 5-10 minutes to "tattoo" each of nearly 65 performers for Culture Night.

- Hawaiian Club members hand-picked more than 4,000 ti leaves to make the skirts and kupee for their performance.

- The Samoan Club had their dresses and sulus made in Samoa and shipped to Laie especially for Culture Night.

The showcasing of diversity dominated the evening as BYU-Hawaii clubs performed during Culture Night in the Cannon Activities Center both Friday and Saturday nights, March 20 and 21.

**Singapore/Malaysian Club** - Students dressed in brightly colored silk danced in two lines to Malaysian music. The audience was able to watch not only the dancers but also images of the Malaysian countryside, food and people as it was projected on a screen behind them.

**Mongolian Club** - Twisting, crouching and stepping, men dressed in white and women in green dresses imitated traditional Mongolian dance. During the dance, white sashes were brought out and used to link each other in a circle and formed what looked like a twisting star.

**Taiwan Club** - The Taiwanese Club featured both a modern and more traditional type of dance and song, one of which was played live by a member of the Taiwan Club. Women wore matching purple and blue skirts and used white scarves. After the women, the men took center stage demonstrating martial arts to music. The club finished off with the women dancing with pink colored fans.

**Kiwi Club** - Bare-chested men in red, holding spear-like sticks, roused cheers from the crowd as they entered the dance floor. Both the men and women typified Maori locals with tattoos on their faces. Club members provided the music for the dance and student dancer's sang and shouted out in Maori to the music. The women used the traditional poi balls, swinging and dancing as the balls swung about. The club finished off with the

men pounding their chests to the beat of the drums and making war face bulging out their eyes and sticking their tongues performing the traditional "haka" for the crowd.

Member of the Kiwi Club Saeko Yamashita, senior in international cultural studies from Hokkaido, Japan, said, "We only performed for like 5 seconds; couldn't hear the music around me but it was still fun and very spirited."

**Indian club** - The women wore brightly colored and ornamented Indian attire. Dancing from the hips, participants used long, flowing arm movements while spinning to the Indian music. Men were dressed in less colorful Indian clothes.

**Tahitian Club** - Tahitian Club had its own band with lots of percussion and flutes among other instruments. The women wore red, orange and yellow skirts, all with brown shirts and headdresses with leaves around the waist. Men were dressed in black pants ornamented with leafy arm bracelets. Students danced to the fast past rhythms, swinging hips to the music as shouts of "chi hue" could be heard.

**Latin Club** - With Aztec temples showing in the background, student dressed in Aztec wear, with peacock feathers on their backs and bell tied to their feet, club members came in jumping to the beat of the drum. Throughout the pre-Hispanic dance, club members enacted the sacrifice of a woman to the gods. The tempo then turned up as the Latin Club danced to a meringue piece.

Latin Club member Rodrigo Avalos, senior in hotel and tourism management, said,



Culture is one of the key aspects that sets BYU-Hawaii apart from other church schools. This diversity was expressed Saturday, March 21, the second session of Culture Night, held at the Cannon Activities Center, where each club performed to demonstrate their culture.

**Swing Club** - The night premiered with the Swing Club bopping to "Rockin' Robin" while wearing classic American 1950s attire.

**Indonesian Club** - Club members wore matching green, yellow, and pink tops while they knelt in a line doing hand and body movements while one of the members of the club told a story as she sang a cappella in the background.

**Korean Club** - A Korean wedding was portrayed with the bride and groom wearing traditional attire and showing what happens during a matrimonial ceremony.

**Cambodian Club** - This club performed a dance where men and women carried different-shaped woven baskets and wore traditional colorful clothes.

**Hawaiian Club** - This club had more members performing than any other club on Saturday night. They danced in all matching blue attire. The wahines (girls) wore blue dresses with flowers around their necks and wrists and the kanes (boys) wore blue malos with ti leaves around their head, wrists, and ankles.

"I liked how the Hawaiian Club brought the older generation into their performance. It made me emotional because it reminded me of my grandma who was Hawaiian. Even though I'm only 3/16 Hawaiian, the performance made me proud to be part of the culture," said Marie Fitzgerald, junior in accounting from St. George, Utah.

**Samoan Club** - Another large club on campus, members wore matching green and black attire except for one man who was in red and led the dance performance. Samoan Club member Ko'olina Mills, undeclared freshman from Hauula, said, "We've been practicing for the past two months, three times a week for this performance. I wish the performance was longer. We had so much fun and there was so much more spirit in the performance than when we practiced. We really connected with the audience."

**Filipino Club** - Club members had the crowd on edge as they jumped through moving bamboo sticks. This traditional type of dancing is called Tinikling.

**Japanese Club** - Students danced in traditional attire with fans and clackers.

**Hong Kong Club** - Nunchucks were used as they danced to fast-paced and pumping songs.

**Chinese Club** - Women modeling traditional Chinese dresses called qipaos and tangzhuang was the beginning of the club's performance. Chinese Club member Hope Han, freshman in music from Shenyang, China, said, "I think we have the most beautiful costumes and I was so honored to be in this performance and have the opportunity to show everyone."

—NICOLE HAMILTON



Tewira Tune dances with the Tahitian Club during Friday's Culture Night.



Women in the Taiwan Club use fans during Culture Night.

agement from Mexico City, Mexico, said, "The best part for me was to dance with my club. We got to show everyone something different about our culture - the pre-Hispanic part."

**Fijian Club** - Fijian Club members depicted a story about two women fishing by the shore. As the narration went on, dancers in grass skirts with blue and red face-paint sang and danced to the drums. The two women were said to have turned into sea turtles and can be seen on different beaches today.

**Hip Hop Club** - "The Hula of my Homeland," as stated by the clubs announcer, performed hip-hop variations with multiple songs that changed every few seconds. The dance started with hip hop members doing flips as the rest of the club came running in all dressed in black. The majority of the dancers did many maneuvers including "the robot" and "Crypt-walking." Cheers erupted as students performed one-handed hand-stands or twisted on the ground to the beats.

**Tongan Club** - The loudest screams and cheers Friday night were heard as Tongan Club members came on to the dance floor. Dancers were displayed in colorful lava lavas all wearing white shirts, and men in cone-shaped caps danced as photos of Tongan landscape and history played on the large screen behind them. The song honored the passing of the Tongan queen, Queen Salote. The many club members filled the dance floor to capacity as they danced to the self-provided music.

—TRISTEN LEACH

Conway Kaka performs with the men of the Kiwi Club.





# 'Shaka Steel' brings lively music to Maui

The exciting sounds and contagious spirit of BYU-Hawaii's steel drum band "Shaka Steel" permeated the island of Maui as the ensemble shared their exhilarating music March 12 to 15. The ensemble had a jam packed tour uplifting the spirits of the people, tourist and residents within range of the tunes and sound of the steel pan and marimba.

"It was excellent. They were so fun!" said Sharon Ako, Lahaina resident and counselor in the Lahaina 1st Ward Relief Society. "They made absolutely beautiful music, [and they were] very entertaining and happy!"

The steel pan is an instrument originating from Trinidad and Tobago in the Caribbean with a sound commonly associated with tropical cruises. Shaka Steel, the only steel drum band in the Islands, featured a variety of song styles, including calypso, samba, opera, and even one song from the recent Disney hit "Enchanted."

"I liked how they played different kinds of music," remarked Katie Lovitt, Maui resident. "It showed the versatility of the instruments as well as the ensemble. They can take you around the world without ever leaving the room!"

"It felt like a mission," said music education major and percussionist Tereha Hapi, "except it was a little easier to convince people to listen to our message because it was steel pan music that everybody loves. In my opinion, the work was incredibly fun!"

Lora Butler, vocal studies major and Shaka Steel triple-guitar-player explained, "Going on these tours and playing in schools helps to show that if the kids are interested in these types of classes, there are schools near them that offer the classes. We made a lot of people happy and excited; we put the school's name out there and honored it by being instruments of

the school's purpose in promoting good learning and working environments."

Curious spectators were often found on stage after performances getting an up close look at the drums that created the strange but engaging sounds. Some audience members even tried playing a note or two.

"[It was a] very good representation of diverse cultures and how they utilized the different talents they have," said Colleen Wunder, Kahului Stake young women's counselor. "Many people have never seen those drums. It's good exposure for the public for both members and non-members. The selection of music was also very good from a music stand point. We also commend them for taking the time to visit the neighbor islands"

Brandon Kimura, long-time Shaka Steel member, was heavily affected by tours like this one through the years. "Growing up on Kauai, I would always look forward to the various BYUH music groups' visits. My family was always one of the first to volunteer to house students. Watching them perform and getting to know them really encouraged me to go to a church school.

Hapi, often found leaving her pan to dance with the audience, explained, "I saw their faces radiating with joy, and felt that we were fulfilling one of our purposes, which was to uplift our brothers and sisters from the cares of the world and feel our Heavenly Father's Spirit through our music."

Saturday night's performance for the Lahaina Wards made for an exciting final performance. "It's not gonna get any better than aunty chanting in the middle of the song. ... They were our most interactive audience. They weren't afraid to get up and dance. It's always more fun for me when people are dancing and having a good time." Many audience members made their way



ABOVE: Shaka Steel performing at the Queen Kahamau Center in Kahului, Maui.  
BELOW: Tereha Hapi with an audience member before Shaka Steel's Lahaina Ocean Arts Festival performance.



up onto the stage, borrowing instruments and taking part in the pandemonium.

Music major Adrienne Dimond remarked, "The audience loved us...and even made us play three more songs in addition to what we already played so they could get up and dance and jam with us [even more]." Koleka Alcomindras, Lahaina Ward member, remarked, "After all, if you can get an 82-year-old lady dancing the night away, it's amazing!"

—LEILANI MILLER

## New I-WORK enhances IWES

By the beginning of First Term in July 2009, BYU-Hawaii will have absorbed its International Work Experience Scholarship (IWES) program into I-WORK — the International Work Opportunity Returnability Kuleana — and added several enhancements, including:

- All BYUH international students and new international applicants can apply for the I-WORK program, said BYUH Assistant Controller Rebecca Harrison to faculty and staff at a meeting in the Aloha Center Ballroom on Feb. 27. Meetings about I-WORK were held for students on March 7.
- "Married I-WORK students will have their housing and insurance covered by the program. Under IWES the married students were responsible to pay their own housing and insurance."
- "I-WORK includes a 50 percent grant and a 50 percent forgivable

loan," she said.

"Under IWES it was all a grant. Families will also continue to participate in helping fund their students' education at BYUH, taking into account the economic conditions in their home countries."

"Under I-WORK we are providing more aid to more students. Little else has changed," Harrison said. She added the Hawaiian word kuleana, which means "stewardship or responsibility" and focuses on the students' commitment to return to their home regions with the abilities and experiences to succeed.

Brian Blum, BYUH director of Financial Services, said in addition to "fostering return-ability, I-WORK teaches our students the importance of working and contributing to the costs of their education... The generosity of donors has enabled us to increase the funds allocated to this program."

Harrison said, "The grant portion is handled just like a scholarship, and the forgivable loan element reinforces the commitment international students make to return home."

"Those who don't fulfill their commitment and decide to stay in the U.S. will have a student loan to pay back, just like most of our domestic

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Rebecca Harrison  
BYUH Assistant Controller

students who take out Stafford Loans to pay for their education." She explained the loan balance currently amounting to approximately \$4,500 a year. Interest of 4 percent will

not start to accrue on the loan balance until after the six-month grace period.

Harrison said students in the program would continue to also: Enroll each school year for 14 credit hours for two semesters, and six credit hours for two of the mid-year terms; maintain good grades; work 19 hours per week for 45 weeks, and 40 hours per week for seven weeks; live in on-campus housing; and complete an annual endorsement that they are in compliance.

Each I-WORK student would be eligible to remain on the program for a total of three years, she said — enough time to complete 120 credits, which is the number required for all bachelor's degrees at BYUH. Students needing more time to complete their degrees may qualify for other scholarships, or will have to arrange alternative funding.

For example, international students needing more than one year's help with English language proficiency will be encouraged to use the distance-

learning classes the university is developing.

Harrison also said participating I-WORK students who marry U.S. citizens and remain in the United States will be placed on a "six-month probationary status with no paycheck required during that time plus a reduced family contribution." Those funds and that time could then be "applied toward changing their visa status so they can qualify for federal aid such as PELL grants and Stafford loans."

In response to questions from the faculty and staff, Harrison replied:

- The new forms are already being used and are available online.

- International students are not legally allowed to conduct "cottage industry" or home-based businesses, such as fixing up and selling cars.

- I-WORK students who need rides off-campus are encouraged to work with friends or LDS Church leaders. Security and the health center help provide emergency medical transportation.

- After meeting the PCC needs, I-WORK students with a year or less to go before graduation are eligible to work on campus.

- Extensions will be allowed to serve missions. Other extensions will be submitted to the appeals process.

For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office in the Lorenzo Snow Administration Building Room 180, call 808-675-3706 or e-mail financialservices@byuh.edu.

—MIKE FOLEY

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# Obama addresses nation

## Geithner and Bernanke talk to Congress

President Barack Obama gave a prime-time speech at a press conference Tuesday night, March 24, where he addressed the outrage over the bonuses paid to executives of bailed-out American International Group, an insurance giant.

The president said he was as angry as anyone at the payments but added, "We can't afford to demonize every investor or entrepreneur who tries to make a profit."

At the second prime-time news conference of his presidency, Obama also cast his budget — now under review in Congress — as essential if the economy is to emerge from the severe recession. The tax and spending plan "is inseparable from this recovery because it is what lays the foundation for a secure and lasting prosperity," he said.

The news conference came at a pivotal, early moment in Obama's young presidency, with Democrats in Congress readying budget proposals that will largely determine how much of his first-term agenda will be passed. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner churning out near-daily proposals to solve the nation's economic crisis and the administration struggling with public and congressional outrage over bonuses paid to executives of bailed-out AIG.

In a rare joint appearance before a House committee, Geithner and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the messy federal intervention into AIG demonstrated a need to regulate complex nonbank financial institutions just as banks are now regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

"AIG highlights broad failures of our financial system," Geithner told the House Financial Services Committee. "We must ensure that our country never faces this situation again."

Both officials sought to channel the widespread public outrage over the millions of dollars AIG spent in post-bailout bonuses into support for regulatory overhaul.

At the White House, Obama told reporters, "We are already hard at work in putting forward a detailed proposal. We will work in consultation with members of Congress. That will be just one phase of a broader regulatory framework that we're going to have to put in place to prevent these kinds of crises from happening again."

Speaking in the press conference in the East Room of the White House, Obama put in a plug for Geithner's request for extraordinary governmental authority to take over failing companies.

"It is precisely because of the lack of this authority" that AIG's problems threatened to bring down the entire U.S. economy, Obama said. Top Democrats in Congress reacted positively to the proposal, although it is not clear when legislation might be considered.

The government has given AIG over \$180 billion in bailout funds since it first intervened last Sept. 16. The U.S. now owns nearly 80 percent of the giant insurer.

"Its failure could have resulted in a 1930s style global financial and economic meltdown, with catastrophic implications for production, income and jobs," Bernanke told the panel.

Bernanke said it was "highly inappropriate to pay substantial bonuses" in such a situation. He said he had asked that the payments be stopped but was told that they were mandated by contracts.

New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo said Monday, March 23, that 15 employees who received some of the largest bonuses from AIG have agreed to return the money, totaling about \$50 million.

Obama has emphasized a desire to cut projected deficits in half by the end of his current term, although recent estimates make it appear almost impossible barring an extraordinary series of events.

The administration also is to outline its proposal for a broad overhaul of financial regulations on Thursday, March 26, when Geithner testifies on Capitol Hill. A key request: greater ability for the government to regulate and even take over the kind of complicated financial companies — like American International Group — whose collapse could threaten the entire system.

Anti-AIG ferocity threatens to undermine Obama's efforts to bail out the nation's deeply troubled financial sector, by possibly scaring investors away from the new program and by making it more difficult to wring more bailout money out of Congress.

Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell emphasized Republican criticism of the president's proposed budget as an over-spending, over-taxing disaster. A Congressional Budget Office analysis released last Friday, March 20, estimates Obama's budget would generate deficits totaling \$9.3 trillion over the next decade. "If these plans are carried out, we run the risk of looking like a Third World country," said McConnell, R-Ky.

But Obama repeated his claim that his plans would cut the deficit in half by the end of his first term in 2011 — "even under the most pessimistic estimates."

"At the end of the day, the best way to hung our deficit down in the long run is not with a budget that continues the very same policies that have led to a narrow prosperity and massive debt," the president said. "It's with a budget that leads to broad economic growth by moving from an era of borrow and spend to one where we save and invest."

—RACHEL ADAMS AND  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**TOP:** President Barack Obama listens to a question during a news conference, Tuesday, March 24, 2009, in the East Room of the White House in Washington.  
**ABOVE:** Timothy Geithner (L), treasury secretary, and Ben Bernanke, chairman of the Federal Reserve, address Congress about the economic crisis and the AIG bailout issues on March 24.

# CAMPUS & TOWN CALENDAR

**27**  
FRIDAY

## Campus

- Lith maybe school movie?
- 6 pm acf 55/65 LDS grads dinner
- 7:30 pm aud Visiting Organist James Welch Recta free
- 7 pm - 1:30 am BYUHSA Winter Ball o<sup>o</sup> campus at PCC \$18 coupe \$10 per person

## Town

- Windward Orch d Society Spring Show 2009 for more info cal 808-236-4104

**28**  
SATURDAY

## Campus

- 7:30 pm AUCI University Chorale Performance free
- 7 pm & 9:30 pm CAC double feature movies Bedtime Stories & Fireproof
- 8 pm - 11 pm ACB ex. 180 Social Dance

## Town

- Prince Kuhio Ho luaia for more info cal 808-224-8068

**29**  
SUNDAY

## Campus

- 17th ward conference
- 7:30 pm CAC CES v deires de w Robert D Hales
- Camp awards Fast Sunday due to General Conference next week

## Town

- Beethoven Festival -The Violin Concerto for more info cal 808-792-2000

**30**  
MONDAY

## Campus

- Dining Performing Arts for more info cal 808-741-6894

## Town

- Dining Performing Arts for more info cal 808-741-6894

**31**  
TUESDAY

## Campus

- 11 am CAC devotion w Joseph Smith Lecture S M-chae W Cox
- 7:30 pm aud Pano Pedagogy recta
- 7 pm stc Joseph Smith Lecture

## Town

- Prince Kuhio Ho luaia and Legacy presented by Isaac Walker for more info cal 808-293-8935

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WEDNESDAY

## Campus

- 3 pm acf 155/65 Joseph Smith Lecture speaks to Faculty
- 7:30 pm aud A an Ka Lun Wong Pano Recitals (free)

## Town

- Manoa Valley Theaters Tuesday with Mornie for more info cal 808-988-6131

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THURSDAY

## Campus

- 11 am aud de
- 2 pm acf 155/65 & A
- 7:30 pm aud Performance Series Judith Welle-Celtic Brand S

## Town

- Surf, Skate and Rock out into Xpring Break at Hawaiian Waters for more info cal 808-674-9283



# Acting supreme in 'Twelfth Night'

Shakespeare play well attended  
despite other activities  
on campus

**C**ompeting for attendance during the same time as the NCAA Regional Basketball game and Culture Night last week, March 17 to 21, was BYU-Hawaii's Fine Arts department's production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night, or What You Will." In spite of these conflicting schedules, "Twelfth Night" sold out every night except for Wednesday, March 18.

Audience seating for this show was actually on the stage, with the front row being less than one foot away from the action of the play. This setting created a very intimate atmosphere and made the audience feel as if they were part of the play, especially with the bits of audience participation that were added throughout the show.

The set was simple, yet this provided for smooth and quick scene changes and allowed the focus to be on the actors rather than scenery. Scene changes can sometimes be a hold-up in theatrical performance, but this was not the case for this production, as only one scene change seemed to last longer than 30 seconds.

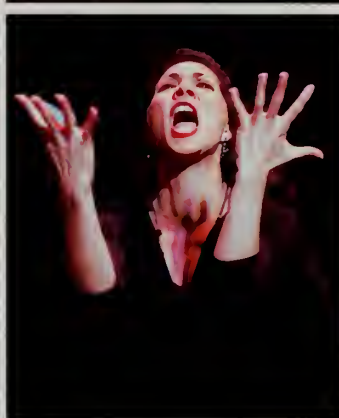
The acting was impeccable, and it was wonderful to have the focus on that instead of elaborate costumes or props. Every performer was believable in the delivery of their lines and portrayed the meaning of what they were saying. Virtually no lines were dropped, and the few that were recovered quickly without damaging the plot or flow of the play.

Emotions were conveyed with great skill by the lovable characters- namely Tessa Brady as Viola, Gailyn Bopp as Olivia, Jacob Cantor as Orsino, and Drew Mierzejewski as Malvolio. The emotions that the characters were feeling seemed to be felt by the audience as well.

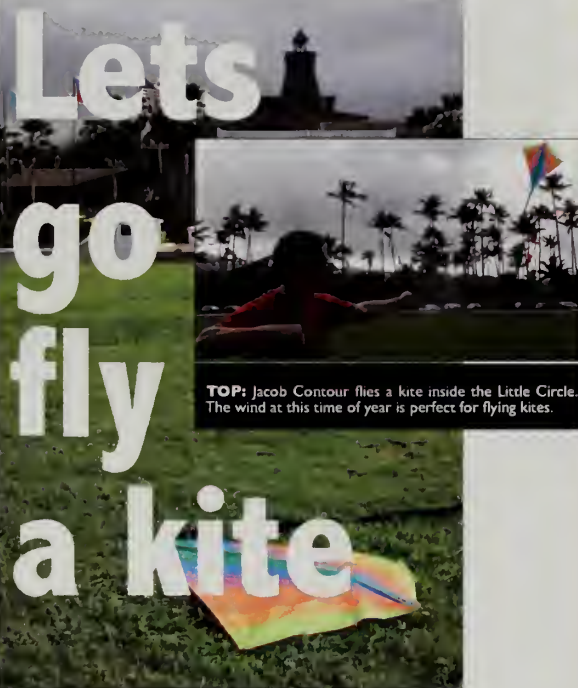
Another interesting element of the play was the songs sung by Feste, played by Shem Greenwood. Feste is a fool, or entertainer, that other characters pay to entertain them. He sang songs that were originally written by Shakespeare, but set to music by Greenwood himself. They were enjoyable to listen to and added another interesting layer of talent to the play.

"Twelfth Night" was a very high-quality production, which makes it no big surprise that it had high attendance almost every night.

-RACHEL ADAMS



**TOP:** (L to R) Drew Mierzejewski, Mika Valia, Anna Hubert, and Nate Stout perform in a scene from BYU-Hawaii's production of "Twelfth Night." **ABOVE:** Gailyn Bopp plays the role of Olivia in the Shakespeare comedy. **RIGHT:** Tessa Brady, who plays Viola masquerading as her brother, shares a scene with Shem Greenwood, who plays a fool or entertainer.



**TOP:** Jacob Contour flies a kite inside the Little Circle. The wind at this time of year is perfect for flying kites.

**S**tudents at BYU-Hawaii have lots of nice things to say about kites. And the weather couldn't be better than now to fly them. But where to start?

"Avoid trees. I went kite flying on Laie Point and my kite kept getting stuck. I was with friends, so it was still fun, but it would have been nice to be able to fly the kite for a longer time."

-ERIKI DICK  
Senior  
International Cultural  
Studies  
Dayton, Iowa

"The big grass field in front of the Little Circle is perfect. On a nice, windy day, it's great. And make sure you have the string in your hand before you launch the kite! Launch it as high as you can and let the string out."

-KIT MING LAU  
Junior  
Music Education  
Hong Kong

"I see people flying kites all the time at Sunset Beach. Right now, it's a good time to do it since it's so windy there."

-TAILEE DEAN  
Teacher at Sunset  
Elementary School,  
BYU-Hawaii Class of  
2008

"Kite flying makes a great date! But make sure the weather is ideal. Some rain or lightning mixed with kite flying could end badly."

-RHONDA PECK  
Senior  
Political Science  
Las Vegas

"My mom sent me and my brother trick kites for Easter last year. They were awesome, but they were hard to fly. It was fun once we figured it out, but it took a while. I'm going to get an easier kite next time."

-CHRISTIAN EVANS  
Junior  
Biology  
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-BRETT EVANS



## An Na Chang

### May 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

Growing up in Taoyuan, Taiwan, An Na Chang was always interested in art but never thought she would be able to pursue it as a career. "In the world people don't really think that studying art is worthwhile. But oil painting gave me more confidence and I feel like I really like this area. I think it's something I could be successful at," she said.

Chang is interested most in the details, line, texture and tone. She said, "There are beautiful plants here in Laie that I can use. I wanted to break up the flowers and leaves and focus on the texture, volume and shape." Though she is unsure of exactly what she will do after graduation, Chang thinks she may have a future in therapy. She said, "I have always been interested in psychology, so maybe one day I will go back to school and become an art therapist."

Look for her art open house near the end of Spring Term.

LUCY CAMMOCK



ABOVE: An Na Chang shares her artwork.

## Two Artists Struttin Their Stuff

Look forward to these senior art shows in the McKay Auditorium in the upcoming weeks.



ABOVE: Erin Breneman with an oil painting.

## Erin Breneman

### March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 6<sup>th</sup>

For Erin Breneman from Wichita, Kan., Art has been a long-time passion, and now she will be graduating with a degree in two dimensional art. "I have been interested in art since high school," she said. "I have always really liked working with drawing and pastels. I really like working with my hands and drawing feels more hands on then painting." Though Breneman favors drawing, her senior show will mainly emphasize oil painting. "Most of my show will be oil painting, but I will include some watercolor and pastel work."

In choosing the subject matter for her show, Breneman explained that she decided to take the things we see every day and focus on their interesting details. She said, "I really wanted to focus on water and reflected light. The droplets found on plants seem to be all around so I decided to work mainly with floral life. I love working with bright vibrant colors and there are so many beautiful flowers in Hawaii so it seemed like a great fit."

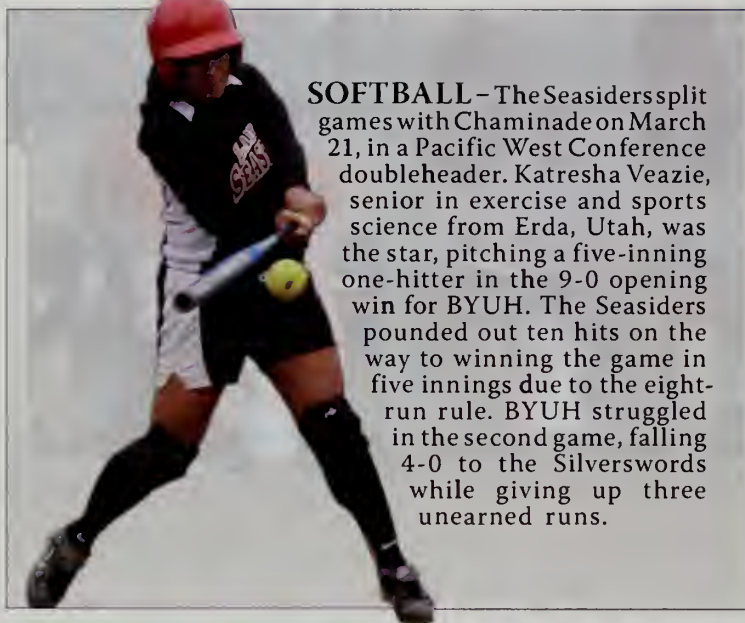
Breneman will introduce her show on its first day with an open house from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31.



## SPORTS

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IT HAS BEEN A BUSY WEEK IN SPORTS for BYU-Hawaii students. Fans of NCAA basketball may have struggled to focus on their studies last week, as March Madness set in, while students from Japan and Korea watched as their countries battled it out in the World Baseball Classic championship game on March 23. Japan repeated as world champions in a thrilling extra-inning final. In addition to these larger events, here are the highlights of several BYUH sports stories of the past week. KINAKA



**SOFTBALL** – The Seasideers split games with Chaminade on March 21, in a Pacific West Conference doubleheader. Katresha Veazie, senior in exercise and sports science from Erda, Utah, was the star, pitching a five-inning one-hitter in the 9-0 opening win for BYUH. The Seasideers pounded out ten hits on the way to winning the game in five innings due to the eight-run rule. BYUH struggled in the second game, falling 4-0 to the Silverswords while giving up three unearned runs.

**LEFT:** Athena Salinas hits the ball during a game against Chaminade March 21.  
**RIGHT:** Lucas Alves, junior in exercise and sports science from Casa Branca, Brazil, scores for the Seasideers. Alves was named NCAA II Player of the year.



**RIGHT:** Ma Rong, from China, returns a hit to the opposing team during the Seasideer vs. Alabama State match. The men swept the competition with three wins against Fort Valley State, Alabama State and Tuskegee.

**TENNIS** – The Seasideer women have been nearly perfect on their road trip to the Eastern United States. BYUH continued its perfect season, defeating Fort Valley State (GA) 7-2 on March 19; and Division I school Alabama State, 7-0; and Tuskegee (AL), 5-0 on March 20 for a 17-0 season record. The only two losses sustained by the women were forfeits by Ayako Ikeda, sophomore from Kyoto, Japan, who was unable to play due to illness. The men matched the Seasideer women, sweeping competition from the same schools, 9-0, 6-0, and 6-0. The men's season record stands at 13-3 through March 20.



**BASKETBALL** – Lucas Alves can now add NCAA II Player of the Year to his already impressive resume. Earlier this week, Alves, junior in exercise and sports science from Casa Branca, Brazil, was named the Daktronics NCAA II National Player of the Year and to the All-America First Team. Alves has been garnering awards since coming to BYUH as a freshman in 2006 and has scored over 1,500 points and grabbed over 600 rebounds in his career as a Seasideer. Alves helped lead the men's team to a school-record 27-2 season this year. Alves attributed the award to the success of this year's team. "This is really a team award," said Alves, "If the team had not done so well, it would not have happened. I thank my teammates for this honor."

**GOLF** – The BYUH men's golf team was just two shots out of first place in the three-team match on March 19. The Seasideers fell to Hawaii Pacific at the Ewa Beach Golf Club with a 305 on the par-72 course. Chaminade was third with a score of 368. Derek Hall, sophomore from Bountiful, Utah, led all golfers with a one-over 73 to claim medalist honors. The golf team will participate in the Thunderbird invitational on March 30-April 1, hosted by Grand Canyon, before the final match of the season, which BYUH will host on the Fazio course at Turtle Bay on April 6.



# KEALAKA'I

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A photograph of a person lying on their back in a vast, chaotic sea of books and papers. The books are stacked high, reaching up to the ceiling, creating a dense, textured environment. The person is wearing a dark shirt and jeans, and their arms are spread out. The scene is brightly lit, with the colors of the book covers and papers creating a warm, yellowish-orange glow.

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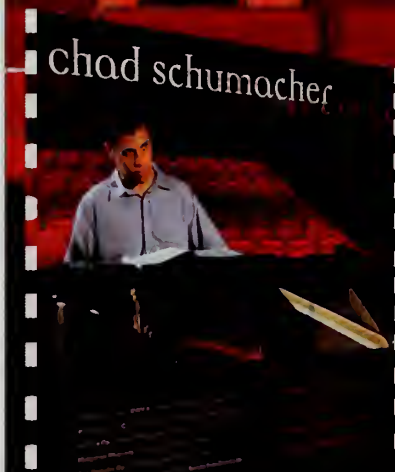
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# Stand-out student Shea Stott portrays Genuine Gold

The end of the school year brings about graduation and the final departure of significant students on campus. Among those leaving the BYU-Hawaii is a student named Shea Stott, who has been described by his friends as fun, adventurous, very comical, and unbelievably loving. Stott graduated from BYUH with a degree in international cultural studies, and he is originally from Fruit Heights, Utah.

In the spirit of continuing education and preparing himself for the future, Stott will be taking more classes at BYU-Provo this spring, including Arabic 102. Along with his schooling Stott is also planning on either hitchhiking across America, or visiting Brazil as a graduation present to himself. He is also planning on enrolling in an advanced 8-week Arabic course in Damascus, Syria.

In order to get into grad-school, Stott must also obtain a fair amount of work experience. He visited Israel and Palestine several months ago, accompanied by Professor Chad Ford and other students studying intercultural peacebuilding, and was able to make gain several prominent connections with people and companies located in Israel. For his work experience, Stott

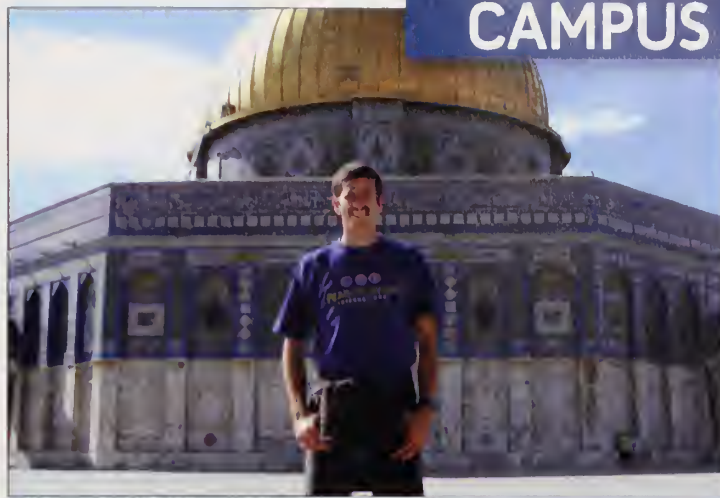
intends on either working for Peace Players International—an organization which promotes the peace process through sports—in Israel or working for another company in Israel and staying there for at least one year.

Stott has thoroughly enjoyed his time at BYUH, and though he is excited to begin a new chapter in his life, he is sad to be leaving this beautiful and wonderful place.

With winter as his last semester at BYUH, Shea decided to venture out of his comfort zone; so, he decided to try out for the school musical. He was successful in landing a part in "Seussical the Musical" as a Black-Bottomed Eagle named Vlad Vladikov.

In response to Stott's performance Shelby Wood, junior in interdisciplinary studies from Cleveland, Ohio, described him as "Phenomenal! I couldn't believe how comfortable and natural he looked up on the stage. It was amazing to hear that it was his first real play performance."

Stott stunned the crowd as he jumped off the stage and even mingled with members of the audience helping to get them more involved with the performance. Wood continued, "For as long as I've known Shea, he has never ceased to surprise me with all the talent he has in nearly everything he tries



ABOVE: Shea Stott in front of the Al-aqsa mosque, a Muslim worship and religious site, in Jerusalem.

to do. The musical was just another example of how he continually amazes everyone!"

Those who know Stott have explained the influential role he has had on them, and the great example he has been during his time here. Stott has dedicated countless hours donating his time and love to the children at Laie Elementary, helped in many missionary discussions, and has done an amazing job at always fulfilling his many Priesthood callings in the BYUH 17th Ward.

When asked how Stott leaving BYUH is going to affect her, Briana Strawn, fellow ICS student from Sheboygan, Wisc., said, "Honestly, a bit devastated. Shea has been such a great friend that I really can't imagine going to my classes and not seeing him here. Shea is the smiling face that always

lights up my day."

Stott left Oahu Tuesday, April 21, but the night before over 50 BYUH students and friends gathered in the rain under a campus awning for a farewell barbecue for Stott. People at the barbecue all seemed to be feeling the same emotion: very sad that their great friend was leaving them, but so excited for the opportunities and great work that Stott will have the chance to do in this world.

Another of Stott's friends, Clark Tanner, said, "It seems like at the end of each term I always have to say goodbye to close friends, you know that you'll end up seeing them again someday, but this time it's different, it's like the whole school is going to be missing something huge when Shea leaves."

— Aaron Puzey

## Students suggest teaching English in Asia to see the world, make money

I have just finished four years of college and I have a degree. What's next? It's summer break and I really don't want to go home and work a dead-end

job. What can I do instead? I want to put something unique but productive on my resume. What can I add to it?

Among the myriad of possible responses to those questions, some BYUH students have found one opportunity in particular to shine above the rest: teaching English in Asia.

Amber Nelson, junior in exercise and sports science from Seattle, Wash., is considering taking a semester off school and going to Taiwan to teach English. "I have heard that it's a really good way to get some money together and have an experience living in another culture. I have never lived in another country before and this seems like an effective way of being able to do that."

Patricia Beckwith, junior in international cultural studies, lived in Korea for 5 years. "I taught English to numerous age groups, from five-year-olds to adults. Because my father was in the military I lived in Korea with my family and teaching English was a really good way for high school students to earn good money. The pay is excellent and it was fun to interact with people from a different culture and background. I really think it is important in creating a well-rounded person."

Beckwith added some of her own advice: "A lot of people think that teaching English in Asia is like humanitarian work; they don't realize that there is an opportunity to make really good money. That's why it is important to spend some time in the country before

choosing a job. Even if it's just for a week or so, it is better to go over there instead of signing up through the Internet. Even the programs offered through BYU are not as good as what is over there if you are willing to spend a few days looking in person."

Tailee Dean, elementary education graduate from Utah, taught English in Taiwan after graduation on an internship and taught English in Korea during her mission.

"Overall the Asian people are really excited to learn English and are willing to accommodate English speakers as much as possible to get them over there," said Dean. "I would recommend finding a program that is already established that has already been running for a while, then I think that you could have a really great experience teaching English in Asia. It is best to be braver and go over there to find work rather than commit to something on line, I think my experience would have been much better if I had done that. When I was a missionary and we taught English free, people would offer us \$70-\$80 an hour to teach them... There is definitely good money to be made. I teach elementary school, and teaching English helped me to learn how to break things down really simply. Now when my students ask me questions about why we have to learn things in the English language I have answers because I have already explained it to foreigners learning English for the first time."

If you are interested in teaching English,  
[www.tealit.com](http://www.tealit.com)

has information about Taiwan, and you can look to  
[www.gone2korea.com](http://www.gone2korea.com)  
for Korea.

— Lucy Cammock



ABOVE: Tailee Dean, BYUH alum, as she teaches English to a young girl during an internship to Taiwan. Dean is among a handful of BYUH students who have chosen teaching English in Asia as an opportunity to gain teaching experience and earn money.





Missionaries from the Laie zone prepared musical numbers for an April 19 fireside aimed at sharing their testimonies of Christ with the audience. The fireside used missionary journal entries and hymns to emphasize finding the love of Christ, seeing the effect it has on your life, and then going on to share it with others. ABOVE: Sister missionaries pause for a photo at the Temple Visitor's Center.

# Visitor's Center missionaries put on musical fireside

Spirit of Aloha felt by audience through music and shared journal entries

**A**lthough all the entrances to the Laie North Stake Center grounds were flooded from rain, the water didn't deter crowds of people who walked to the fireside from taking off shoes and socks, climbing over fences and hitching piggy back rides to take part in last Sunday's musical fireside.

Sister missionaries Stephanie Gardner from Highland, Utah, and Shuhayla T. Sakaguchi, from Japan, planned the fireside because they wanted to do something for the community as well as give themselves and their fellow missionaries an unique opportunity to express their appreciation for the Atonement.

"Music can speak on a more personal level; the overall message can be the same, but music has a way to speak to each person individually. We wanted to share how each one of us can become a reflection of Christ and his teachings. We want people to think about how

once they have experienced the love of Christ, they can share it. Not to hesitate but just go do it," said Sister Sakaguchi.

The musical fireside was a great way for LDS Church members and people of other faiths to gain or strengthen their testimonies of the sacrifice Christ was willing to make.

"We had a contact come to the Visitor's Center during Sunday afternoon. We invited her to the evening fireside and she came early and sat in the third row. Afterwards she exclaimed that it was the greatest experience of her life," said Sister Gardner.

BYUH student Felix Callejas, junior in international business management from San Salvador, El Salvador, said, "For me, how it told a story through journal entries followed by song made it become something more real – something to compare personally not only the principles, but also what they can do in each one of our lives."

The storyline of the fireside focused on how a person must "first find the love of Christ, then feel and witness his love and then lastly share it with others," said Sister Gardner. This was apparent throughout the entire night as people said they sensed the missionaries' love for them through the honest portrayal of missionary work and the talented performances.

– Aaron Knudsen

## Performance Series has international lineup of three Spring concerts

**M**ark your calendars this Spring Term for three diverse performances on campus, sponsored by the BYU-Hawaii Performance Series. The upcoming season will showcase a Canadian pianist, a cultural dance group from Utah, and a BYUH alum and musician.

"I'm so excited to see all this great diversity come to BYUH," said Eliza Hokanson, freshman in international cultural studies from Annapolis, Maryland.

Performance Series is an organization at BYUH responsible for bringing performing arts groups to campus in order to make entertainment readily available to students and the community of Laie at a reasonable price. This Spring Term, Performance Series is sponsoring pianist Ian Parker, dance group "Remembering Our Culture," and musical artist Cubworld.

The first performance of the semester will be in the McKay Auditorium next Tuesday, April 28, by Ian Parker. "He's a Canadian sensation and a pianist, we're very excited for him," said Jackie

Alisa, coordinator for Student Leadership and Honor. "He adds an exciting flavor to piano that I think students here will enjoy."



Canadian pianist Ian Parker will kick off this Performance Series Spring season on April 28.

"Remembering Our Culture," or ROC, will be performing in the Cannon Activities Center on Friday, May 8. ROC is a group of 45 college students from colleges in the Wasatch Valley area of Utah. They travel to various areas and perform traditional dances from Asian, Polynesian, Native American, African, and Latin cultures. "This will be very family oriented and a great event for the community," said Alisa.

Visiting the BYUH campus on Saturday, May 16, is BYUH alumni Jacob Kongaika, or Cubworld. Opening for Cubworld will be current BYUH student Kristin Wi-berg, who performed last semester with Tereihā 'Bubba' Hapi at BYUH Got Talent, and "Upstanding Youth," a local ska group from the North Shore also made up of BYUH alums.

– Rachel Adams

## BYUH to host Hawaii's Jr. Olympics; needs volunteers

**F**or the fourth year in a row, the BYU-Hawaii campus will act as the local site for the Jr. Olympic Skills Competition in northeastern Oahu. On Saturday, April 25, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., children under the ages of 18 will be competing in a variety of sports to attend the regional competition in Honolulu for the chance to go on to the national competition, held this year in Chula Vista, Calif.

While the competition may be solely for children, there is also a great opportunity for BYUH students to get involved. For the second year in a row, the BYUH EXS Club, headed by Jada Quigley, is in charge of setting up and running the events. "We would love to have students join us to get the activities going and support the local kids in the area. The events are held in the late afternoon, so you can come help out after a great day and the beach," said Quigley, senior in exercise and sports science from Utah.

Martha Christensen, academic advisor for the College of Human Development and a tennis teacher, said she came in contact with the Jr. Olympics program through the U.S. Tennis Association, and thought BYUH would be a great location to host the events. She said last year, 19 out of the 24 regional winners for Hawaii were from the Laie area, and that Hawaii had the most representatives at the national level last year.

The events on campus will be basketball, soccer, track, long jump and tennis. To volunteer, come to the Old Gym at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Or come at 4 p.m. just to watch the events. All are welcome to attend, said organizers.

– Ryan Anderson



# Getting the upper edge on textbooks

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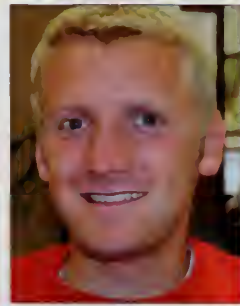
Jerica Tafti



Josh Coon



Jennifer Georget



Tim Vreeland

While one textbook had previously cost BYU-Hawaii senior Josh Coon as much as \$220, this Spring Term he said the total bill for his text books will be \$0.

Coon, who is majoring in hospitality and tourism management from Salt Lake City, Utah, said he is only taking one class, Operations Management, and he can use a book he has already purchased for the class.

Coon was one of eight BYUH students interviewed in the Aloha Center on Monday, April 20—the first day of Spring Term—about how they were planning to pay for their textbooks.

The national average for the amount a full-time student pays for course materials and supplies during the school year, says information from the National Association for College Stores, is between \$775 and \$942.

"The amount to budget for textbooks will depend on the number of courses you're taking, your professors' requirements, your major and other factors," says NACS. "In addition to textbooks, your required course materials may include coursepacks or course readers, which are compilations of articles, book excerpts, or other short items chosen by your professor. A growing number of professors are also assigning reading materials on password protected Web sites."

## PAYCHECKS & SAVINGS

Finding the additional dollars beyond tuition, housing, and food costs to buy textbooks can be challenging. Most BYUH students interviewed said they use the money they earn working part time or from their savings to pay for their textbooks.

Coon said while he was in high school he worked as a groundskeeper for softball fields and then after graduation worked as a high school substitute teacher. Ever since he came here for college, he said he has been living off his savings from those two jobs.

BYUH senior in political science from a village outside of Toulouse, France, Jennifer Georget, said she worked last semester as a student research assistant for the Political Science Department and is using the money from that job to pay for her three textbooks this term.

Georget said the most expensive textbook she has ever bought was \$150, but she said she usually buys books online when they are that expensive.

## ONLINE IS OFTEN AN OPTION

Buying online is something several of the students interviewed said they also do to save money on textbooks.

Tim Vreeland, junior in international business management from Salt Lake City, Utah, said he needs to buy two textbooks for this term. He found one in the library that he can use for free, but the other he said he'll buy online because it's cheaper and he can resell it.

Vreeland works at the Polynesian Cultural Center and will be using money from his paycheck to buy the book he needs online. Previously he said he got help from his parents or had loans and scholarships to pay for his books.

Another student, Renth Maxmillion, sophomore in computer science from Kwangmyong, Korea, said he also prefers buying his books online because it is cheaper. He works as a custodian in Hale 4 and will get the funds to purchase his books from his paycheck since he does not have scholarships, loans or support from his parents.

## BORROWING & RENTING

Borrowing books from friends is one way in which Ingunn Sorensen, sophomore in psychology from Oslo, Norway, said she'll be able to also spend \$0 on the two books she'll need this term.

Renting textbooks is another trend being used by students to lower costs. Web sites like BookSwim.com and Chegg.com will rent students books or textbooks at lower costs. Called the Netflix-like rental for books, these sites have users sign up for books online and the books are shipped to people who simply ship them back when they are done using them. Many of the sites even provide free shipping of books like Netflix does for DVDs. It's also seen as an eco-friendly way to recycle books and reduce the number of trees needed to print books.

Taking out a government-sponsored Stafford loan is how Tiffany Borg, senior in international cultural studies from Dallas, Texas, said she will pay for her textbooks this term.

## E-BOOKS & TECHNOLOGY

But Borg said she will be spending just \$50 this term rather than \$200 because her statistics class is offering its textbook online. Using technology, she said she'll be able to save between \$80 and \$120 since she won't have to purchase that book. Borg said she has to buy



ABOVE: BYU-Hawaii juniors Alyssa Herzinger, majoring in English from Idaho, and Erika Dick, majoring in international cultural studies from Iowa, gather up textbooks at the beginning of Spring Term at the BYUH Bookstore. The money students spend for texts and supplies is most often from their own paychecks, said students interviewed in the Aloha Center on Monday, April 20.

four additional books, but they aren't expensive.

Technology is helping students save money and e-books are becoming increasingly more popular, especially with devices such as Amazon.com's electronic reading device called "Kindle." Kindle is a slim electronic pad that weighs 10.2 ounces and is as thin as most magazines, says Amazon.com. It is wireless and allows users to download books anywhere and anytime without monthly fees or service plans or hunting for Wi-Fi hotspots. It can download a book in less than a minute and can hold over 1,500 books. It can even read books, newspapers, magazines and blogs out loud.

## BYUH BOOKSTORE IS CLOSE & EASY TO USE

Saying they prefer the ease and convenience of buying their books from the BYUH Bookstore were two students, Marya Kristin Todd, freshman in vocal studies from Washington state, and Jerica Tafti, a freshman in secondary education from Laie.

Todd said she likes to shop at the bookstore because it's the easiest way to find books for her classes and she doesn't need to wait to get them shipped to her online or wait for a book sale. Tafti said buying books at the bookstore on campus is quick and allows her to get started on the homework she gets from her teachers during the first week of the class. Tafti said buying books in the bookstore is a "no hassle" way to get the books she needs without any waiting.

According to the NACS information, the price of a textbook depends on a number of factors. "Textbooks are not like novels or general interest books, which can be sold to a broad consumer audience. Most textbooks are specialized for a relatively small academics audience, and require considerably more time, effort and expense to develop," it says. "Photos, color, graphs, charts, exercises and quizzes also add to the production cost of textbooks."

It goes on to say that about 64 percent of the price of new textbooks sold in college bookstores goes back to the publisher. The author generally is paid about 12 percent and shipping companies get about 1 percent. Bookstores keep about 23 percent but after paying all their expenses, it continues, so they make about 5 cents before taxes on every dollar students pay for new textbooks.

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## Living life

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Adventurers beware:  
Dangerous or Illegal Hawaii activities

**S**ome students knowingly participate in dangerous or illegal activities here in Hawaii and don't give much thought to the consequences. While enjoying our Oahu paradise, there are threats that ought to be planned for and avoided.

Hikers should always hike with a companion, with a group of four being ideal in case of injury.

Fifita Havea, junior in biology from Tonga, said, "I feel safe in Hawaii, but I would never go hiking by myself. I feel safe because I have my friends with me when I leave campus."

The American Red Cross suggests preparing for illness, injury, and inclement weather, prior to going on a hike.

Flash floods are the leading cause of direct weather-related deaths in Hawaii, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and noaa.gov lists people crossing or falling into flooded streams as the leading cause of flash flood death in Hawaii since the 1960s.

Matt Kunz, freshman in biochemistry from Washington, said his friends went hiking to a waterfall and got lost for three hours on the return trip.

"They had no idea where they were. They just kept walking and eventually got lucky. The trail they were on ended up connecting back to the main path," said Kunz.

Popular hikes are the Laie Falls and Maunawili Falls hikes, named for the waterfalls to which they lead. The Laie Falls hiking trail cuts alternately through pine forests, guava trees and opens to views of Laie and the Pacific. It can, however, be steep and often gets muddy and slick after rain.

The hike at Maunawili Falls ends at a swimming hole with several jump-off points for cliff divers. Be aware, there are river crossings to reach the falls, and signs along the way warn of possible water contamination from the harmful bacteria, *Leptospirosis*.

Some of the most common illegal activities are hiking Sacred Falls, hiking Stairway to Heaven (Haiku Stairs), having open bonfires, and camping without a permit.

Eight people lost their lives and 50 others were injured in perhaps the most notorious hiking accident in Hawaii: the 1999 Sacred Falls Mother's Day rockslide that led the state to close the falls and prohibit hiking in the area. Sacred Falls remains closed and is illegal to hike.

Bobby Tree, junior in history from Washington, was one of the unlucky ones who got caught and had to face the consequences of his illegal trespassing on the Sacred Falls hike.

"We used to go all the time. We would just walk around the fence, ignore the signs, and go play in the falls. One day I went with my buddy. On our way out, a forest ranger called us over, took our picture with a Polaroid camera, and gave us a court date."

Tree and his friend attended their court date and got out of any trespassing charges but had to pay a fee of \$15. "We were lucky," said Tree.

"I guess you do them because you never see any consequences," said Jennifer Kane, recent BYUH graduate in exercise and sports science from Utah, who admitted hiking Stairway to Heaven.

Li Kane, senior in psychology from Idaho, said, "You hear about these hikes even before you come to the island so you've got to try them too."

According to hawaiiweb.com, Stairway to Heaven has been closed for many years due to its deteriorating condition and dangerous stairs. Still, of all the students who were interviewed who hiked Stairway to Heaven they knew that the hike was closed but did it anyway. Both of the closed hikes are fenced off and have "no trespassing" signs.

According to campus security, Stairway to Heaven is on state land and you can be arrested if you are caught trespassing. Not only is hiking Stairway trespassing on state land, it also breaks city laws.

Several students ignore the signs and sneak past the locked fences. Some even go in the dark hours of the morning to avoid being caught. A BYUH junior from Michigan said she has done both of the closed hikes even though she knew they were illegal.

Latu Pasa, senior in social work from New Zealand, has never done either of the hikes but knows some people who have. "I just could never be bothered to do them."

Matt Willie, senior in IBM from Oregon said, "I refuse to do Stairway because it's illegal.

I want to really bad though."

There are currently several petitions online for those who want to get the hikes reopened.

Camping on Goat Island, Kaena Point, and other locations without a permit can land you a fine and possible court hearing if you get caught. Although sitting around a cozy fire on the beach may be a fond pastime, police have also been cracking down on bonfire building, an activity that is illegal if the bonfire isn't properly contained in a barbecue or authorized fire pit. Open bonfires litter the beach and create hazards with nails from burned palettes and hot coals, which can cause burns up to a day later.

Zach Harris, alumnus in accounting from Boise, Idaho, with two of his roommates, held a bonfire while camping on the beach at Kaena Point, were given tickets, and had to go to court.

"When it was my turn to stand before the judge...I asked him what would happen if I plead guilty, and he said I would have a \$100 fine and a misdemeanor. That's pretty serious in my opinion, and there is no way I wanted a record. Then I asked him what would happen if I plead not guilty. He said I would have an appointment with the public defender and a new court date...so, I chose the meeting with the public defender. I realize I did something wrong and I have to pay the price, but the justice system seems a little biased. I didn't cause any damage and I didn't know I wasn't supposed to have a bonfire there. There were no posted signs," said Harris.

Spear fishing in the protected areas from Shark's Cove to Waimea Bay is also illegal. One could face fines if caught catching any of these protected fish.

According to Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, there are hefty fines – up to \$100,000 – for touching sea turtles, both on the state and federal level.

– Jordan Flake, Sam Akinaka and Kathleen Majd



# on the edge

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## Saving money may end up costing you

Skateboards, mopeds and more cut transportation costs, when used responsibly

**P**inching pennies is not new to starving students, but especially in this turbulent economic climate, rather than drive a car, many are turning to alternative modes of transportation. Not only are scooters and skateboards cheaper ways to get around, they're better for the environment, too. But students should be aware of the local laws, or else one can end up with an expensive ticket.

That's what happened to Leah Hinckley, a sophomore from Wyoming, studying for her associate's degree. She explained her experience: "I was riding in front of the Polynesian Cultural Center at 5:55 a.m. I skate on Kamehameha Highway because it's the only place lit up that early in the morning. I usually see cops there, so I never thought I was doing anything wrong. But when I turned down Naniloa Loop, and a cop turned on his lights and pulled me over. I told him I didn't know what I was doing wrong and I didn't have any previous citations, but he still gave me a ticket for \$180 for riding my longboard on Kam. Highway."

Hinckley said, "I feel negative, toward anything about the police force- I feel like I could get pulled over for anything, that they could just make something up."

Sergeant Lambert with the Honolulu Police Department explained the laws regarding skate-

boards in Laie: "Skateboards are allowed on the sidewalk, they have to stay off the road. Down in Waikiki skateboards aren't allowed on the sidewalks but up here, it's ok. When there is no sidewalk, they have to pick up their boards and walk." He also clarified that when skateboards are in the road, the violation is cited as a pedestrian in the roadway.

City laws regarding skateboards are exactly the opposite of campus rules. Hans Taala, the head of security on campus says "University policy states all skateboards, bicycles, mopeds, and cars go with traffic, and skateboards and mopeds aren't allowed on the sidewalk at all. If they're found violating that, there's a \$20 fine."

Scooters and mopeds are also a popular choice for students, but some of Hawaii's moped laws differ from those in other states.

A clerk at the Wahiawa Satellite City Hall explained Hawaii moped regulations: moped drivers must have a valid driver's license, or a moped operator's license. They fall under the category of bicycles, so they follow many of the same rules; one must register the moped for \$15, use hand signals, and use the bike lanes when provided. Mopeds must be ridden single file, and drive as near to the right side of the lane as practical. They are not allowed in pedestrian areas, such as the sidewalk, and are never allowed on the freeway. Unless the moped is a Panther model, then no passengers are allowed. More in-



formation on mopeds registration and licensing is available at [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov).

— Jenna Chidester

### Warning!

**Skateboarding on Kamehameha Highway is illegal and can lead to a fine of \$180 if caught.**

**Bicycle, moped or scooter riding; roller-skating; rollerblading; and skateboarding is NOT permitted on any BYUH campus sidewalks; this includes inner circle sidewalks, walkway to TVA, classroom corridors, Aloha Center and ballroom sidewalks, CAC corridors, inside dormitories, TVA porches and sidewalks, and all lawn areas. Riders must also comply with the one-way, counter-clockwise traffic. Violators will be fined \$20.00**





ABOVE: Photo released by the U.S. Navy shows Maersk-Alabama Capt. Richard Phillips, right, standing alongside Cmdr. Frank Castellano, commanding officer of the USS Bainbridge, after being rescued by U.S. Naval Forces off the coast of Somalia.

RIGHT: Phillips was held captive in the white lifeboat for five days after a failed hijacking attempt by suspected Somali pirates. Amphibious assault ship from the USS Boxer, left, towed the lifeboat to be processed for evidence after the successful rescue of Capt. Richard Phillips.



# Action on the ocean: Somali pirates attack

## Captain called a hero for sacrificing himself for his crew

**A**fter the attack on the American cargo ship "The Alabama" April 8, 2009, shipping liners fear that action and adventure on the high seas may be returning to the open waters.

Mitchell Thompson, senior in international business management from Tampa, Fla., said, "It's kind of funny to me that there are pirates. But I don't think they are any different from any other terrorist group, they are just on the water."

An unnamed sailor from the Maersk Alabama said the entire 20-member crew had been taken hostage on April 8, but managed to seize one pirate and then successfully negotiated their own release.

In a bold act, Captain Richard Phillips, from Vermont, volunteered to go with the pirates as a hostage under the condition that they left the rest of his crew on the ship. The crew kept their own hostage who they released after 12 hours, but the Somali pirates failed to release the Captain.

"What I understand is that he offered himself as the hostage," said Gina Cogio, 29, half sister of Phillips' wife. "That is what he would do. It's just who he is

and his responsibility as a captain."

President Barack Obama was following the situation closely, vowing to "halt the rise of piracy." The White House gave instructions to the USS Bainbridge: If the captain's life is in danger, attack.

After over 100 hours in captivity, U.S. navy sharpshooters ended the hostage situation by shooting the three pirates holding Phillips on a small boat.

Taylor Beebe, recent graduate in international business management from Birmingham, Mich., said, "This Captain's selfless act personifies heroism in its truest form. I think that his crew mates should consider themselves fortunate to have a Captain who is willing to risk his life to ensure their safety."

With the worst now behind us and all of the of the Maersk Alabama crewmembers safe, what remains to be seen is the fate of the only surviving pirate, Abduhl Wali-i-Musi, 17, arrived in New York City on Monday, April 20. A law enforcement official commented that the teenager is to be charged, as an adult, with piracy and hostage taking at a federal level. Because the charges have not yet been announced, the official wished to remain anonymous.

Kit Elledge, sophomore in accounting from Fresno, Calif., said, "The captain seems like a good guy, but Obama acted a little [slowly]. I'm glad that it's all been resolved and everything is good now."

— Lucy Cammock and the Associated Press

# Miss California USA speaks out against gay marriage at pageant

**D**uring the Miss USA pageant on Sunday, April 19, a question regarding a contestant's opinion on whether or not other states should follow Vermont and institute same-sex marriage laws has caused a commotion in the media.

Miss California, Carrie Prejean, responded to this question Sunday night by saying, "I think it's great that Americans are able to choose one or the other...But in my country, and in my family, I think that I believe that marriage should be between a man and a woman. No offense to anybody out there, but that's how I was raised."

The question was asked by openly gay pageant judge and celebrity blogger Perez Hilton, and Prejean's answer has received more media attention than even the winner of the Miss USA title, Miss North Carolina Kristen Dalton.

Hilton, who appeared on NBC's "Today" show Tuesday, April 21, told host Matt Lauer that his question was

relevant and that Prejean should have "left her politics and her religion out because Miss USA represents all Americans."

Daniel Long, senior in political science from Fairfield, Calif., said, "I don't think that's a fair question to be asked from a gay judge. My question is, 'who made Perez Hilton a judge [for Miss USA] in the first place?' He's not exactly qualified for that."

Prejean said she stands by her anti-gay-marriage comments, even if they may have cost her the Miss USA crown. She also appeared on the "Today" show with Hilton on Tuesday, and told Lauer that she spoke from the heart during Sunday's pageant when she said that "marriage should be between a man and a woman."

"I think it's really refreshing that Miss California showed integrity and stood up for her beliefs instead of following the crowd and saying what the judges wanted to hear," said Tia Hinderliter, undeclared sophomore



Hosts Billy Bush, center, and Nadine Velazquez, right, listen as Miss California Carrie Prejean, left, answers a question from judge Perez Hilton, unseen, about legalizing same-sex marriage during the Miss USA Pageant April 19 in Las Vegas. Her comments for traditional marriage have sparked debate.

from Home, Penn. "Although we adjust [to society], that doesn't mean we should completely condone things that go totally against what we believe."

Prejean, who was named first runner-up at the pageant, told Lauer, "at that moment after I'd answered the question, I knew that I was not going

to win because of my answer." Still, she stands by her statements.

"I don't take back what I said...It's not about being politically correct," Prejean said. "For me, it's about being biblically correct."

— Rachel Adams and the Associated Press

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# Envision Laie:

## Looking ahead 50 years

**I**n 2008 the LDS Church of commissioned a team of experts to conduct a three-phase Envision Laie study as part of a 50-year sustainability assessment of its three major affiliated entities in Laie, and to a lesser extent the Laie Hawaii Temple. The presidents of BYU-Hawaii, the Polynesian Cultural Center and Hawaii Reserves, Inc. (HRI) collectively held a series of meetings recently to update faculty, staff and community members on the status of the Envision Laie project and invite them to participate further on:

- Tuesday, April 28, BYUH Cannon Activities Center, 6-9 p.m.; or repeated on...
- Wednesday, April 29, CAC, 6-9 p.m.; plus...
- A follow-up Open House to discuss the next steps in the process on Thursday, April 30, in the CAC from 6-7:30 p.m. To sign up or for more information, go to: <http://www.EnvisionLaie.com>.
- A meeting for BYUH students was scheduled for April 23 at 11 a.m. in the McKay Auditorium.

Speaking at one of the meetings, HRI President & CEO R. Eric Beaver said, "The first phase is already complete. That was an internal review, working very closely with the management teams of each entity," he said.

"Phase II, which we are in the middle of, is a look at sustainability scenarios for the institutions and their impact in the community, including a community involvement process; and the third phase will be to submit an actual request to the City and County of Honolulu to incorporate some changes in their plan [for Ko'olau Loa] that would help facilitate our sustainability."

He added that the visioning process, which has a 50-year horizon — consistent with the State of Hawaii proposed 2050 planning process, "provides a view of the options before us and helps us understand the long-term consequences of the choices we make today."

Beaver said early findings show "a lack of jobs, economic diversity and affordable housing is causing slow deterioration in this area," and that Ko'olau Loa is no longer a viable place to raise families.

He said preliminary results indicate that "the key providers in this area — BYU-Hawaii and the PCC — are not sustainable in their current form and structures, and cannot continue as they are." He also said sustainable solutions for appropriate growth should include:

- Land for affordable housing.
- Land to preserve future BYU-Hawaii and PCC expansion.
- Land to create jobs for economic diversity.

Beaver said preliminary results also show "the very top issue is affordable housing. That's no surprise to any of us. Second behind that is public education, and third is better jobs."

"They found that BYU-Hawaii and the Polynesian Cultural Center are the two main economic catalysts in this area, and it's important that they remain viable," he said. Other possible solutions might include a hotel, town center, a business park/light industrial area in Malaekahana, and convenience retail if housing is built there to support that community, as well as experimental agriculture and alternative energy.

Currently, Beaver continued, "most people are driving out of Ko'olau Loa to go to work," and of those who work in the region, BYU-Hawaii and the PCC provide approximately 27 percent of all the jobs, which rises to 70 percent when limited to just Laie. He also noted that 13 percent of the people in Ko'olau Loa are below the poverty level — making this the second-most economically depressed area on Oahu.

BYU-Hawaii President Steven C. Wheelwright said the annual costs at the university have approximately doubled over the past 14 years, with the majority of the funding coming from the LDS Church.

"We can't keep growing the cost to the university, or the cost for the students, at that same rate," he said, pointing out that expanding the current student body of approximately 2,400 students to at least 4,000 would create economies of scale. "We have to grow the university in order to become more sustainable."

President Wheelwright said such growth would require that BYUH "replace all of our single-student dorms, have more of them, and expand our married student housing over the next 10 years. Our goal is to have about 80 percent of our single students and about 90 percent of our married students on campus. We think that's the right balance, given the size of the community and what they can support. We also need to provide faculty and staff with affordable housing options."

"We're looking at a mortgage assistance program," he continued, "so that between ourselves and the banks we can provide affordable mortgages for any house that is in the realm of what a faculty member could achieve."

"Obviously, one of the critical issues for us is to get the housing designation appropriately situated [on City planning maps] so that the growth of the campus is not limited," he stressed.

PCC President Von D. Orgill said that on top of the economic challenges and declining markets the tourism industry currently faces, the PCC is also dealing with years of deferred maintenance and the recent, "very painful" cost-savings measure of reducing the full-time staff by approximately one-third.

"We're hoping that's going to be temporary and we're going to be able to turn that around in the coming years," he said. To do that, the Center has reduced its break-even point by approximately 25 percent over the past five years, is "still looking at additional cost reductions if the attendance continues to drop," and is "reformulating who we are and expanding that appeal so we can attract more people to the Center."

"We're never going to go away from the cultural things we've been doing so well and for so long," he stressed, but said marketing experiments such as the Haunted Lagoon event last October was a "smashing success. The reality is that the Center has been known for years for providing wholesome, clean family entertainment...and we're going to be looking at other forms of wholesome family entertainment as well."

President Orgill continued, "If we're going to be doing additional new things, we might well need additional land to expand our offerings. We don't want the development plan to constrain our abilities to do that. That's all we're asking for. Don't pen us in: We're determined to be around for a long time."

Taking the microphone again, Beaver emphasized that "the real question is what kind of change do we want to promote and protect the things that we feel are important in this area."

He explained that the City and County's development plan for Ko'olau Loa, which is currently under review, "does not allow any movement of boundaries," whereas the Laie entities are seeking the option to expand the university, transfer proposed housing and a town-center from mauka [inland] of the campus



BYU-Hawaii President Steven Wheelwright said to be sustainable the university needs to increase the student population from 2,400 to 4,000. He and the leaders of Hawaii Reserves Inc. and the Polynesian Cultural Center spoke at three different meetings this month with BYUH faculty and staff as well as people in the community. Students are scheduled to meet with the three leaders on Thursday, April 23. Additional meetings are planned for next week.



HRI President Eric Beaver speaks about the Envision Laie sustainability plan being formulated by HRI, BYU-Hawaii, the Polynesian Cultural Center, and also the Laie temple with the help of consultants.



Polynesian Cultural Center President Von Orgill said the center has seen its attendance drop significantly over the past several years, but new programs like the Haunted Lagoon have helped it survive.

to nearby Malaekahana "which is the most build-able area in terms of its topography," and add some flex space for the PCC.

Community input on these proposals will be discussed during the three meetings detailed above, Beaver continued. "We want to invite all Ko'olau Loa residents to participate in those; and we're told by the City that they'll be hosting a final community meeting on the City plan sometime in May. When we get that date, we'll let everybody know."

"We want to encourage everyone to participate. Your involvement will be important to the future of Laie as well as its impact on Ko'olau Loa."

For more information, go to [www.EnvisionLaie.com](http://www.EnvisionLaie.com). Additional information on the Envision Laie project can be found at <http://newsroom.byuh.edu/node/2182>. Information on the City and County of Honolulu's Koolau Loa Sustainable Communities Plan can be found at <http://newsroom.byuh.edu/node/2098>.

— Mike Foley





**LEFT:** BYUH students Jasmine M. Canlas (left) and Pablo Garlondo enjoy the photos of "Reflections of Christ," now on display at the Laie Temple Visitor's Center from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

**BELOW:** Winnet Murahwa (right) and a friend read the scripture that accompanies one photographic shot of the 21 available in the exhibit.

## Laie Visitor's Center hosts 'Reflections of Christ'

*Mark Marbry's exhibit at the Laie Temple depicts 21 scenes of Christ's difficult yet essential life.*

**A** series of 21 unique photographs that make up Mark Marbry's "Reflections of Christ" is currently on display at the Laie Temple Visitor's Center.

Each photograph represents a particular event in Christ's life including: His nativity in Bethlehem; his baptism in the river Jordan; his walk on water; his extreme suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane; a depiction of the crucifixion; his triumph over death in the resurrection and; his ascent into heaven. With each powerful picture a scripture is quoted from the Book of Mormon or Bible describing the scene.

"The Reflections of Christ exhibit is amazing. These photographs give us an insight on how the Savior lived his life in great detail. The Savior's love is manifested in these pictures, the Savior really loves us and his atonement is real," said Winnet Murahwa, sophomore in bio-chem from Zimbabwe. The exhibit has been on display for two weeks and will be available through June and possibly through the middle of July and then will make its way to the Hamilton Museum in New Zealand.

Photographer Mark Marbry said during an interview, "I feel like it was inspired, just given the subject matter, so there was no light bulb that went on, I just started thinking about I should do something about Christ. I felt moved a whole year before with the music I listened too and the books I kept around, and as I started to change those things and change other habits in my life I felt closer to Christ. And so it moved naturally, and at one point, just saying you know what I'm not going peruse shooting fashion, I'm not going

peruse shooting things that I don't think represent who I am. So the inspiration was a process. The project is a compilation of people's witnesses of Christ, its people who got together, artists who got together and said let's give a witness of Christ that is the best witness of Christ that we know how to give."

All the photos are colorful and vivid, but each one can share an individual message, different for each viewer. "My favorite picture is the Savior teaching one of his Apostles at the Sea of Galilee because it reminds me of the one-on-one relationship we each can have with our Savior and it really is the only thing that will bring us enduring peace and happiness," said Elder Wirthlin, a Laie Temple Visitor's Center missionary from Salt Lake City, Utah.

The response to the "Reflections of Christ" exhibit has been enthusiastic and grateful. "People are genuinely touched when viewing these pictures, to have the scriptures come alive like this, to see a picture, it almost feels like you are transported to the time of Christ and you were there, having witnessed it with your own eyes," said Elder Eubanks, director of the Visitor's Center.

The exhibit is available daily from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Laie Temple Visitor's Center, and admission is free. For more information call 1-808-293-9298.

— Aaron Knudsen

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### Ko'olau Children's Chorus 8th Anniversary Spring Concert

Thursday, April 30, 2009  
BYUH McKay Auditorium  
7 p.m.

Please be seated by 6:50  
p.m. - doors open at 6:30  
p.m.

• Due to live  
recording, no  
children under 5  
years old, please.

### New BYUH Focus Film is a comedy, thriller

**T**he Focus Film Club is ready to kick off the spring term with a new romantic thriller promised to entertain. The film, "A Moonlight Kiss," will be shown Friday and Saturday, April 24-25 at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. in the McKay Auditorium. According to Glenn Kau, director of the film, "A Moonlight Kiss" is a movie that is funny, suspenseful, and thrilling. The lead character, Josh (played by Neal Manutai), meets and immediately falls in love with Catherine (played by Ashley Tyson) and then she disappears...

The film is just one of the many Focus Film Club movies that have been filmed and produced at BYUH. Every semester the club casts actors for a screen play written by Kau, films and produces the movie to be shown at the beginning of each semester. "We started working on this one in January and started filming mid-February," said Kau.

Neal Manutai, junior in secondary education from Honolulu, played the main character in this, his debut performance, and said, "I did not really know anyone else in the film and it took a lot more time to make it than I thought it would. It was really hard memorizing lines, but it was really fun."

Kau, who has been making these films for 30 years now and has over 100 films, mentioned how this film is unique: "It is more natural than many of the others... Also, the film starts off romantic and then it goes weird and becomes a thriller." Some of the actors made mention of vampires being in the movie, but no other plot spoiling information was given.

The club produces movies under the direction of Kau and mostly focuses on the acting side of the movie. Many of the club members are theater students but there are also several from different majors. "The actors are really important and make the movie what it is. This time we did a lot of impromptu comedy," said Kau.

Some of the other actors in the film are Marco Hardjono, Laura Beynon Jelly Roushar, Pei Pei Kuo, Ethan Chen, Kelsey Waite, Felix Tai, Kristyn Roberts, Victoria Mansfield, Amy Chandler, Cassie Chen, Mike Buck, Heidi Lyon, Markus Hanonon, Marc Christensen, Agnel Peter, Imi Chang and Micah Stevenson.

Mike Buck, sophomore in political science and English from Montana and President of the Focus Film Club, said, "The audience can expect an exciting and thrilling ride that will knock your shorts off. Come and see it!"

Any who are interested in acting in one of the upcoming films are invited to look for flyers and to audition.

— Jordan Flake



# Season ends for softball

SPORTS

3 seniors graduate, Mapu retires

The BYU-Hawaii women's softball team lost both ends of a doubleheader on April 11 to Chaminade, losing 7-5 in 11 innings in the opener and dropping the second game 3-2. The Seasideers, playing their final games of the season, then bid farewell to three seniors and their head coach.

With the losses, BYUH ends the season at 13-27 overall and 6-16 in the PacWest. BYUH honored seniors Melissa Lehano, Ivy Sessions, and Kim Artiaga following the game and also paid tribute to Head Coach Jackson Mapu, who is retiring after 10 years at the helm of the Seasideers.

In the games against Chaminade, five unearned runs cost the Seasideers dearly in the opening game. The Silverswords scored three times in the first, two of them unearned, but BYUH came back with a two-run homer from Kehea Alohihea-Betham, her eighth of the year, to close the gap to 3-2. Alohihea-Betham's blast to left center followed a two-out single by Ivy Sessions.

Chaminade picked up a single run in the third to go up 4-2 but the Seasideers rallied in the bottom of the sixth with an unearned run of their own. But then Morgan Necaise laid down a sacrifice bunt that the Silverswords threw away, allowing the Seasideers to score. BYUH tied the game at 4-4 with a run in the bottom of the seventh. With two outs, Lehano singled up the middle to start the rally. Lauren Fielding drew a walk and then both Sessions and Alohihea-Betham were hit by pitches to drive in the tying run and send the game to extra innings.

In the tenth inning the teams went to the international tiebreaker rule and placed a runner on second base to start the inning. Chaminade finally broke through in the tenth on an RBI single by Erin Keelan and added two more with the help of two more BYUH errors. The Seasideers came back with a run in the bottom of the inning on an RBI single by Fielding but a fly ball to left ended the game.

BYUH took a 2-0 lead in the third inning of game two when Tina Moen doubled to left center to lead off the inning and scored on a nearly identical double by Lehano. Alohihea-Betham plated Lehano with another double, down the left field line.

Chaminade scored all three of its runs in the top of the fifth, aided by another costly BYUH error. The Seasideers tried to rally but failed to score and the game was over.

— Scott Lowe

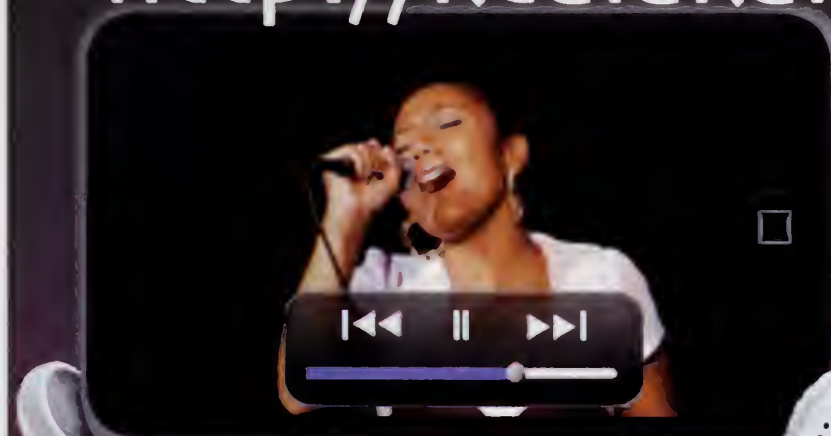


ABOVE: Shiri Stevens ready to run home during a game against Hawaii Pacific earlier this season.

FAR LEFT: Ashely Parry and Tina Moen high five after a great out.

LEFT: Pitcher Shiri Stevens throws the ball down the line.

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## 9th Ward honored with Iosepa Cup



ABOVE: Members of the BYUH 9th Ward eat dinner at the annual Intramurals awards banquet. The married-student ward earned the most points throughout the year and was awarded the Iosepa Cup, BELOW, by President Steven Wheelwright. The 9th Ward couple who organized their intramural play were Crystal and Andrew Gancinia.

The Iosepa Cup, also known as the President's Cup, was awarded to the BYUH 9th Ward for winning the most points in the intramurals over the past year.

Each year, starting in spring, every ward is encouraged to participate in various sports matches and points are awarded for participation as well as for winning in each event. The winners were invited to attend a banquet in their honor, hosted by President Steven Wheelwright. The 9th Ward's name will also be engraved on the Iosepa trophy.

"It felt good to win and be a part of such a great ward," said Jesse Sparks, senior in accounting from California. The Iosepa Cup is in its second year and the intramurals program directors hope to see it continue for many years to come.

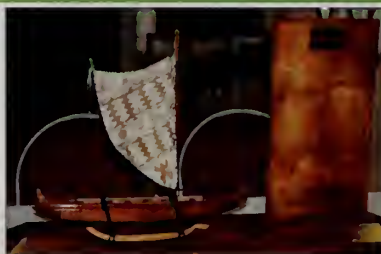
Mike Apo, BYUH softball coach and one of the directors of the intramurals program, said, "The 9th Ward won with 1,108 points just ahead of the 1st Ward with 1,049 points. The 9th Ward had

someone in every event. Both of the teams can attribute their success to their representatives in their wards encouraging everyone to participate. Their reps are hustlers. That's the key."

It must be mentioned that the 1st Ward made a run for it in the last week and came very close to taking the trophy, according to Apo.

Basketball and volleyball were by far the most attended events, added Apo, but there were several sports, such as badminton, bowling, dodge ball, and racquetball, that attracted many participants as well.

Andrew Gancinia, the intramurals representative for the 9th Ward, participated in almost every sport and said, "Our ward is pretty good at sportsmanship and participating. It was definitely good to play sports with fellow ward members. Different people



came out for different sports. It was good to meet other people in the ward you would not expect to come out and do sports such as bowling or racquetball. Many had hidden talents we would never have known about."

Crystal Gancinia, who helped support her husband as the intramurals director for the 9th Ward said, "We tried to have at least someone from our ward at every event." Crystal was sometimes the only girl to participate at some events.

James Kammerer, senior in exercise and sports science from Laie and one of the student directors of intramurals said, "I feel that intramurals brought wards together in a way that only sports can. I personally befriended people in the ward that I never would have done so otherwise. I saw friendships forged in other wards, and unity

achieved through planning, hard work, trust, teamwork, and camaraderie."

According to the Intramurals Web site, "The President's Award (The Iosepa Cup), is named after BYU-Hawaii's sailing canoe 'Iosepa'. This name was chosen because the 'Iosepa' represents strength, perseverance, humility, teamwork, character building, patience, and enjoyment. Traits that are inherent and developed in an intramural champion."

"We hope to improve the competition as well as participation," said Apo. "We had 10 of the 19 wards on campus that never even participated once. Hopefully, we will do a better job at communicating with the wards." Apo, along with the rest of the intramurals directors, plans to prepare a packet for the representative in each ward.

This upcoming year of competition intramurals plans to possibly add kickball, wallyball, power-lifting, ultimate Frisbee, softball, and table tennis to the list of events.

— Jordan Flake

### Spring Intramurals 2009

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## Women's tennis team has smashing 25-0 season

The top-ranked BYU-Hawaii women's tennis team won the Pacific West Conference Tournament championship on April 11 by defeating 15th-ranked Hawaii Pacific, 5-2, to improve to 25-0 for the season. The Seasideers took two of the three doubles matches before claiming three of the four completed singles matches for the win.

In the doubles matches the Seasideers' Elwen Li and Yuan Jia scored an 8-3 win at the first position and Jenny Chin and Wen-Lin Wang took an 8-4 win at number two doubles. Hawaii Pacific got an 8-4 win at the third spot.

In singles play, Jia breezed to a 6-1, 6-0 win at number two singles, Wang claimed a 6-0, 6-2 win at number four, and Ayako Ikeda closed out a 7-5, 6-1 win at number five singles to give the Seasideers the match.

Jia was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

BYU-Hawaii's next action, along with the Seasideers men's tennis team, will be at the NCAA II West Regionals on May 7.

— Scott Lowe



ABOVE: The BYU-Hawaii Women's Tennis Team powers through another great season and will be going to the NCAA II West Regionals, along with the Men's Team, on May 7.



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ON THE COVER: The crew of BYU-Hawaii's voyaging canoe-all BYUH students- stand in front of the Iosepa during the Spring 2009 ceremony to celebrate its launch back into the ocean. The Iosepa will sail around the Big Island and make a stop at Moloka'i during this year's six week voyage. Read more on pages 8-9.

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# WorldFest kicks off Spring Term 2009

**W**orldFest is the first official club event of every term, and an opportunity for BYU Hawaii students to scope out the available membership opportunities for clubs and organizations on campus.

These clubs and organizations are centered on different ideas, such as culture, majors, hobbies, sports and volunteer opportunities.

Evelyn Ramirez, senior in elementary education from San Francisco, Calif. said, "I'm thinking of joining the Fijian Club because it's something different. I've been here two years and have never done much with that culture."

Even though Spring is a shortened term, the club membership fee is still the usual three dollars as it was in Fall and Winter semesters. However, this fee covers membership for Spring, Summer and First Term.

Vivian Wang, senior in international business management from Kaohsiung, Japan, and member of the Singapore and Malaysian Club presidency, said that the club will be active during all three terms, so those members will be getting their money's worth.

This is not the case for all clubs, however, as it is the personal decision of the club presidency as to whether they will operate throughout

the entire summer.

Because the term is shorter and there are fewer students on campus, there is also a reduction in the number of clubs that will be active this semester. "There is no Tahitian Club," said Ramirez.

Even though it is a shorter semester, the active clubs still feel it is important to connect with the student body.

"The Cambodian Club is up this semester because there are new students and we want to introduce them to the culture and we want to participate in FoodFest," said Sitha Pen, sophomore in international business management and accounting from Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The Chinese Club also encouraged students to join together.

"It's important to have someone to talk to who is from your same background. I feel it is especially important for freshman who speak the native language," said Brick Zhao, sophomore in hospitality and tourism management from Beijing, China.

Students expressed their excitement for the clubs and activities this upcoming term.

Yui Susuki, sophomore in accounting from Aichi Ken, Japan, said, "I joined the Computer Information Systems Club because I love barbecues."

— Nicole Hamilton



ABOVE: Members of the Tongan Club cheer at SongFest this fall, one of BYUH Student Association's events for students and clubs on campus. At WorldFest, students have the opportunity to sign up for the Tongan Club and others like it.

## PCC competition prompts BYUH students to play with fire



TOP: BYUH student Tinei Pili competing last year in the Polynesian Cultural Center's "World Fireknife Championship." She took 3rd place in the competition, but was killed in an accident a month later. ABOVE: (L to R) Dolly Faifatu, Janine Rothmund and Pili all stand on the stage at the World Fireknife Championships after performing.

**A** well-known warning from mother is to stay away from fire, or you will get burned. This May 14-16, however, at the Polynesian Cultural Center at least 20 people will disregard that warning by participating in the 17th Annual World Fireknife Championship.

According to Polynesia.com, the PCC's Web site, the competition started in 1992, but fireknife dancing is a Samoan tradition that dates back to ancient times. Performed with a real machete, it preceded battles as a way to intimidate the enemy and psych up the warrior. It was also done after battle, as a victory dance. The machete has a hook at the end, which was often used to carry and display the head of a defeated enemy.

The first competition at PCC, according to the Web site, only had 30 competitors, and now there is more than double that amount. Dancers come from Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti, the South Pacific, the Far East and U.S. mainland to try for "honor, cash prizes and the title: World Champion Fireknife dancer," says Polynesia.com.

Janine Rothmund, senior in English from Switzerland, can testify that the fireknife dance is not limited to Samoans. Rothmund was the second-place winner in the women's division of the fireknife competition last year, and said, "Random people come up to me and ask me if I was that white girl competing in the Samoan fireknife competition last year. It feels weird that people still recognize me."

Rothmund said she first became involved as a tour guide because she wanted to learn the basics to show and teach her guests. Soon the Samoan village workers saw that she was getting better and started teaching her more until, "I was hooked," Rothmund, said. She continued, "I still practice in the Samoan village and perform with them about once a week when they have fireknife performances on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays. All I've learned, I've learned there."

Dolly Fuifatu, senior in information technology

from Samoa, also participated last year in the women's bracket and entered with only three weeks of practice under her belt. "I noticed that not too many had signed up to compete so I thought I'd sign up and get some experience," Fuifatu also said she thought it would be fun and, "permit me to meet more people from all over the place." She even convinced her good friend and fellow BYUH student Tinei Pili to compete with her.

Pili ended up taking third place in the women's division. She was a junior in business from Samoa, and passed away about a month later in a car accident on the mainland. Fuifatu said of her, "I will never forget the laughter we shared so much while preparing for the competition. We didn't even care about it, because all we thought of is the fun and the experience, since we had never done it before."

Unfortunately for hopeful female contestants, the Fireknife Championship at the PCC will no longer be hosting a women's category for the competition. Secretary to the vice president of operations at the PCC, Tali Galeai, said this is because "the amount of participants is always so low. There is no sense in doing it if we can't get at least five." Rothmund said she's disappointed that she won't be able to compete, but noted, "I have a PCC annual pass and will for sure go look and support all the contestants."

This year BYUH can boast at least one contestant that students can go and support; Iraia Bailey, junior in art education from New Zealand, will be competing in the senior category with 21 other contestants. Bailey, who was raised in New Zealand and Laie, said he wanted to learn a dance and thought, "why not fireknife?" Bailey has danced before but has only done fireknife for the past six months. He lives in TVA with his wife and two kids and has another one on the way. He works in the New Zealand village and said, "I'm excited but I hope I don't drop it. It's been good learning from all the fireknife guys at PCC...you get burned a lot."

— Marni Vail and April Courtright





The "Aloha Spirit" helps fulfill the prophesy made by President David O. McKay that this school will prepare leaders of nations to spread peace throughout the world.

# Opinion: Budget cuts, changes shouldn't dampen Aloha Spirit

**B**YU Hawaii is traditionally known and thought of as a place of unity and combining of cultures, where one can feel the famous Hawaiian "Aloha Spirit." However, with recent budget cuts, some people who have been associated with the university for a while argue that the Aloha Spirit on campus is diminishing.

There are far less campus activities than there were in the past, and graduation luaus have become small brunch activities that cost twice as much. Some students say this seems to be causing a lack of Aloha around the BYUH campus.

"I do think [the atmosphere] was better here before [my mission]," said James Dong, junior in hotel and tourism management from Sammamish, Wash., in reference

to when there were more activities. "It's not bad now by any means. But it seemed more relaxed before and people were cooler with each other. Now there are more cliques and it's not as friendly as it used to be."

However, not all students agree with this opinion.

"I didn't think it was friendly at all when I first got here," said Iriapa Williams, junior in international business management from Mahia, New Zealand, who has attended BYUH for about two years. "And I think it's the same now. It's too cliquy... I think the cultural differences create divisions [among the students]."

But is this lack of the Aloha Spirit directly related to the budget cuts and lack of activities on campus?

"I think that [the Aloha Spirit] just needs to be a promotion of unity throughout campus," said Williams, "People just need to stop being jerks

and start being nice to each other."

Ultimately, you don't need money in your budget to promote unity. Sure, it helps to have extra activities to encourage students to interact with each other, but unity can be achieved through other means.

If students simply tried to unify themselves with those around them by doing small acts of kindness, the Aloha Spirit would be more easily felt on the BYUH campus. Some ways to do this include branching out and talking to people you don't usually talk to, smiling at each person you come across, and having a positive attitude in general.

These small efforts, which take no money out of our school's budget, can invite the Spirit of Aloha as much as a luau would.

— Rachel Adams

## Shorter term brings increased stress, influences the Aloha Spirit, students say

**T**he definition of aloha: love and welcome.

Recent changes at BYU-Hawaii have caused some students, staff and alumni to ask, "Has BYUH lost some of its aloha?" Interviewing about 15 people recently on campus about this subject, all had different views on how to build and share aloha. But all the people interviewed said the changes in the 2009 Winter Semester and Spring Term schedules have been "different" and for several reasons.

Academic Advisor Patrice Winstead, who has worked for BYUH for almost 22 years, said, "Anytime there are changes, it can be difficult and we can feel discouraged. We are trying to keep our spirits up, be good stewards to our students, and trying to stay happy."

Soo Tufaga, BYUH landscaping employee who has also worked at PCC for 30 years, said, "I think students need to relax. When you see somebody cutting grass, say, 'Hey, what's up?'" He said when students say "Hello," to the landscapers, he feels good; "Like I can cut another 10 acres of grass. That's the spirit you have when you grow up here."

Tufaga said one way to increase aloha is to get to know everybody. Students should get to know the landscapers, the painters, and others, he said, but everybody is too busy. He said young men walking around BYUH looked stressed. "They look like they are about to die," said Tufaga. "If you relax, you will be past 50 and look like us."

"BYUH, the Temple and the community have all got to be one," Tufaga said, and any division in the community could be solved by aloha. He said there shouldn't be divisions like, "this

is church stuff; this is BYUH's stuff. When we work together, we can back each other up. When people mind their own business, and are not friendly, we don't have a healthy community."

Tufaga concluded, saying, while the whole community is almost all Latter-day Saints, it seems it's only on Sunday that we shake each other's hands. "Why not everyday?" he asked.

Meagan Flake, a BYUH alumna, said she felt the Aloha Spirit decrease when she went from being a student to an employee. "When I first got here, it was more exciting and I was more energetic. Maybe because, when I got here, I didn't take it as seriously. Stress definitely isn't part of aloha."

Flake added that because of the new schedule, "Maybe some students have become too stressed for aloha."

However, Jerry Espi, BYUH alumnus from the Philippines who graduated two years ago, said of the changes being made here that "the university has become more responsible. It is wonderful because you want people to be responsible."

"In terms of the Spirit of Aloha," he said, "meaning someone giving [of] his or herself, that hasn't really changed."

Elisha Lim, BYUH alumnus from Malaysia, said he feels BYUH is a friendly place and that President Steven C. Wheelwright is improving the university.

Lim said when he first arrived, "I thought BYU-Hawaii was a friendly place. Students could feel of each other's hospitality, and it is still that way. But before it seemed like they had a lot more activities to go to. It seems like, now, the popularity is decreasing."

"[But] I think President Wheelwright

is making our school better," he said.

Solia Tatafu, student and life-long Laie community member, said the Aloha Spirit here "is still the same. Because of the schedule changes, [Winter Semester 2009] was harder compared to other semesters. Students just don't know how to approach it. We have all the same activities, Songfest, Culture Night, and BYUH Idol, but as far as service projects, not too many come out. It seems like not as many students participate now."

Several students and alumni interviewed said they did think the Aloha Spirit has decreased.

Ian Chan, junior in information technology from Canada, said, "When I first got here, it was really nice - a lot of Aloha Spirit. Since I came back, it seems like it's lost its luster. It seems like there [used to be] a lot more activities. Culture night was more fun. I feel like there are fewer clubs. Now it's like, I've done it already."

"The Aloha Spirit shouldn't be associated with laziness," said Chan, "but BYUH is definitely more strict now."

Karina Satterlee, senior in exercise and sport science from California, said, "It's just not as friendly on campus, I think, and I feel like people are more judgmental. When I first got here, I was impressed by how friendly everyone was. I thought everyone was so friendly at BYU-Idaho, but I got here and everyone was even friendlier! That was the Aloha Spirit."

One explanation for the change, said Mysha Maire, sophomore in biology from California, is that the temple in Laie is closed for remodeling. "I think the loss of Aloha Spirit has to do with the temple being gone. It's just a

different spirit."

Another student, SarahBeth Stott, sophomore in international cultural studies from Utah, said, "A lot of people have left, and it just feels different from when I first got here."

Hua-Ching Chang, BYUH alumna from Taiwan, said, this campus has a very unique feeling, but "we are just skimming the surface in supporting its multicultural environment."

"If I have a question, I just go to the people of that country for the answer." However, Chang said sometimes she feels "people respect their own culture but don't respect others."

Kathleen Majdali, BYUH alumna from California, said, "It almost feels like there is less school pride. Students don't have as much of a sense of the mission of the school and how it should be incorporated into their experience."

Majdali first came to Hawaii in Fall 2005, when BYUH was celebrating its Golden Jubilee 50-year anniversary. Majdali said, "There were many activities that reminded students of David O. McKay's vision of this school, a place built to help to establish peace internationally."

"With any change comes some fear, but if we lose pride in our people, that is what's really going to make our school substandard," Majdali said.

Majdali said she attended two high schools, one with a lot of school spirit and one with little. "The difference between them was the school with more spirit had activities that brought the whole school together, and its quality was greatly affected for the better."

She quoted President Thomas S. Monson's talk, "Finding Joy in the Journey," from the October 2008 General Conference when he said: "Stresses in our lives come regardless of our circumstances... But we should not let them get in the way of what is most important - the people around us."

— Marni Vail

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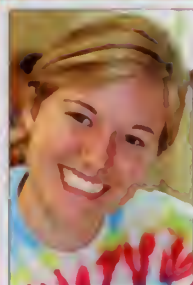
# Student Living: On-Campus vs. Off-Campus



**Celeste Ormsby, senior in 2-D art  
Sydney, Australia**

"The dorm was fun. I really enjoyed it while I was there, there are so many girls around you with the same belief as you. It's an enjoyable place to be. Yeah, they do have their restrictions, but you understand why they have them. It was fun I really enjoyed it."

"TVA is just as fun but even better. The difference is the space. Wherever I was I enjoyed it. It's all about your attitude."



**Katie Dearden, junior in 2-D art  
Clovis, Calif.**

"The dorms are cramped but trying to find a quality place off campus is really hard. There's nothing available that is clean. It's so expensive living on campus, especially with the meal plan. I think it's a give and take, for sure. It seems like there are disadvantages both on and off. If you want to have the freedom to live off campus, you need to understand that the standard of living off campus is really low. It's really hard to find a clean place that has a kitchen and a laundry. Maybe they have lots of rules on campus, but at least they have laundry and food. Living on campus is really convenient."



**Ellie Jeffers, senior in 2-D Art  
Denver, Colo.**

"Living on campus is convenient and everything is right there. You don't have to worry about walking home. The cafeteria is nice because you know your meals are taken care of. I think the comparison is bad vs. bad. The dorms are really small and it's hard to have any sort of personal space or any sort of personal property at all. We once had only one washer and dryer for our entire dorm for weeks. At least off campus there is more space, and you're not worried about getting into the dorm because security won't let your friend drop you off or something. Off campus is more value for your money but less convenient. I never had problems with landlords, but I know [people] who have."



**ABOVE:** JJ and Erika Peterson with daughter Bria. High school sweethearts from Sandy, Utah, the Petersons are moving into the dorms as the new parents for Hale 1.

## Peterson family grows

**H**igh school sweethearts, JJ and Erika Peterson, are the new, proud parents of about 90 girls; all Hale 1 residents.

They are both from Sandy, Utah, and have been married for almost four years. They also have a 17-month-old daughter, Bria, who Erika has described as both "sugar and spice." Bria, a little blonde, loves running around outside in her bare feet and reading books.

The Peterson family said they love any outdoor activity, such as going to the beach, hiking, and—Bria's favorite—going to the farm up by the Laie Temple. They also said they enjoy visiting grandma and grandpa, who live in Honolulu, and vacationing and eating.

A fun fact about the Petersons is they have moved 11 times since they were married. JJ was previously in sales, which moved them around to various states including New Jersey, California, Washington, Missouri, Utah and now Hawaii.

JJ is majoring in interdisciplinary studies and the family will live here another year until he graduates. After that, they plan on moving to Utah to live closer to family and finally settle down.

—Nicole Hamilton

## Hale 3 parents love island life

**J**ust like students who are frequently on the move, Hale 3 parents Seth and Lindsey Huish have moved away from BYU-Hawaii and Oahu. They have moved to Oregon where Seth will be attending medical school, and are replaced by Aaron and Erin Nelson.

The Nelsons met here at BYUH and were married two years ago in the San Diego Temple.

Erin is from San Diego, California and graduated from BYUH in English. She is keeping busy with the tasks of hale mom, and she is also involved in some small projects on the side, such as sewing and photography.

Aaron is from Springville, Utah, and is working toward a degree in 3-D Art, which will be completed in Winter 2010. He is very involved with Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) and plans on starting his own business once he graduates.

Erin and Aaron say that they love being together, especially going to the beach and watching comedies. "We're best friends so we do everything together," said Erin.

Because they love Hawaii so much, the Nelsons said they plan on staying in the area to start a business, even after Aaron graduates.

— Nicole Hamilton



**ABOVE:** New Hale 3 parents, Erin and Aaron Nelson, met at BYUH and were married in San Diego, Erin's hometown. Aaron hails from Springville, Utah.



# CAMPUS

## MUSIC: LIVE, WEEKLY, FREE

Open Mic Nights will be starting up again Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m., running weekly in the Little Theater through the rest of the Spring Term. Open Mic Nights provide students with an opportunity to showcase their own musical skills and also listen to live music from fellow students here at BYUH.

Open Mic nights have been a huge hit in the past, and Music Club President Marni Vail is excited to start off this term the right way. "I love being part of Open Mic Nights because they are really laid back and they create a relaxing mood for the performers and audience. It's an awesome place to share talents because it's such a supportive environment," she said.

Vail and friends have expressed excitement to see the Little Theater fill up on Wednesday nights, so take a break from your studies in the middle of the week to drop by and check out the local talent, or share your own.

— Aaron Puzey



ABOVE: (L to R) Tim Vidmar and Chris Gardner display their talents as they enjoy creating music at open mic night in the Seaside.

## 'Termites' terminated

Usually during the spring term, "termites" swarm to BYUH for the tropical water and sunlight of Hawaii. But BYU Hawaii administrators were prepared this spring and have used a new form of academic pest control to end spring "termites" or visiting student infestations.

In every new BYUH application is this statement: "BYU-Hawaii no longer offers a Visiting Student Program. Students who plan to stay only one or two terms or whose interest is to graduate from another school are encouraged to apply elsewhere."

Amy Cunningham, junior in 2-D art from Walnut Creek, Calif., said about this term's change: "There's more stability around campus. You don't have to worry about making friends with people that are leaving in six weeks."

From the Academics Office, Ming Lau clarified that visiting students used to be allowed to attend BYUH for spring and summer terms. The visiting students would fill out a special form and their acceptance depended on the number of people applying. It was done on a first-come, first-served basis. The difference now is everyone has to apply through the same procedure, regardless of whether they are staying for one semester or planning on graduating from here. This practically eliminates the visiting students, Lau said.

Last year, there were 132 visiting students during spring term. This year there are none. The total enrollment for spring term last year was 1,790 and this year there are 1,572 students enrolled, said Thomas

Bloss, assistant director of Enrollment Planning and Technical Support in the Department of Admissions and Records. The last term available for visiting students was Spring 2008.

Bloss was direct with his response when asked why this new application procedure eliminates one-term students: "While we are happy that students desire to come to our school and that they raise our enrollment numbers, we [would] regret [it if] students would consciously make the decision to be less-than-honest in their applications [to attend full-time if that were not their intention]."

Max Checketts, vice president of Academics, explained why this change occurred: "We need to provide an opportunity for more students to be educated for an extended amount of time." He said there are two main purposes for the change: The first is to combine the secular and the spiritual; the second is to help prepare students to be leaders in their own homes and for the LDS Church. Checketts said it takes time to build leaders that are needed in the world today.

The decision was made by BYUH's President's Council with the support of the academic board over a year ago, said Checketts. Following the decision, approval was given by the brethren of the Church, Checketts added.

Ashley Flake, junior in history education from Peoria, Ariz., said about the change this term that "the only difference is that it seems like there are less people to hang out with."

— Jenny Welling

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# Scarves are in style



**S**inger Rihanna Robyn has been seen wrapping a large, brightly fringed, "cowboy-style" scarf over her outfit. Actress Sienna Miller was spotted tossing a long, fringed scarf over her casual clothes. And many other artists and celebrities are currently dawning this multi-purpose accessory. What is the reason for this?

Dictionary.com defines scarves as "long or short, broad, strips of wool, silk, lace or other material worn about the neck, shoulders or head for ornament or protection against cold, drafts, etc."

BYU-Hawaii students interviewed on campus said that weather, culture and religion, mixed with the desire to be in style, are a few of the reasons why people might wear scarves.

Ricarda Meincke, a junior in pre-professional biology from Hamburg, Germany, said that Germany's cold weather makes it a normal thing to wear scarves. However, she also loves wearing scarves here in Hawaii, despite the warm weather. "It just looks good," she said.

Meincke smiled and added that just as people wear belts and shoes as accessories, she feels that way about wearing scarves. "It's just European style to wear scarves," she said. Meincke also said she was surprised to see Arabian-style scarves that were popular in Germany three years ago are still being worn now in the United States.

In the fashion world, "scarves are this season's hottest trend," says shopstyle.com. "It's one of the accessories for women that are available in variety of fabrics, shapes and sizes thereby making the scarf ideal for all seasons and occasions says." Additionally, the online site fashionscarves-andshawls.com says that "scarves make you feel good about yourself."

Ericka Dick, a senior in international cultural studies from Dayton, Ohio, said she inherited all her scarves from her grandmother who loves scarves and talked her into liking scarves also. She said she loves wearing scarves now because it's fashionable, and most of the time it's cold at work and in classrooms so they keep her warm.

Kiyomi Hamai, a junior in international cultural studies from Fukuoka, Japan, agreed. Hamai said scarves are fashionable and that those who wear scarves are outgoing and not scared to try new things. She also said in Japan it's

the latest thing for the younger generation to wear scarves. "It's cute and brings out your personality," she said with a smile.

BYUH students Tina Sovasova and Vikaa Keteravu, both sophomores in special education and both from Fiji, said where they come from, people usually wear scarves as part of their work uniforms and some churches have them as part of their choir uniforms. Sovasova, who is from Lavatoka, and Keteravu who is from Suva, said some people in their home country wear scarves for fashion and when it's cold. They added that during the hot season, both men and women wear light, transparent scarves. But personally, said Sovasova, she only wears a scarf when it is cold. Keteravu also added, "I don't have one. But if I had one, I would wear it only when it is cold."

Despite that fact that some people feel wearing scarves is fashionable, Melanie Roy, a junior in biology from San Diego, Calif., said she wouldn't wear one here. "Not in Hawaii. It's warm enough in Hawaii," she said. "I will not wear it for fashion when it is not cold."

A former BYUH student, Lo English from Dallas, Texas, who was visiting BYUH after 17 years of being away, laughed when asked why people wear scarves even when it is not cold. He said most people wear scarves to cover up something. He continued after laughing and said, "I am always hot. So why should I wear a scarf when it's not cold?"

— Gloria Kajo



TOP: Celebrities have made scarves the latest fashion trend. ABOVE: A unisex Arabian retro scarf. RIGHT: Scarves in different lengths, colors and fabrics.

## Mormon marriage pressure at BYUs



Education



Work experience



Marriage



Graduation

**A**ccording to the BYU-Provo student news Web site, 51 percent of students who graduated from BYU last year were married. But only 3 percent of the Yale University graduating class was married, and overall the U.S. national average of married graduates was 11 percent, says BYU news. Is there something about BYU schools that makes students feel like they must get married?

There are students who said they come here with the prospect of leaving married. "I do feel like there is a lot of pressure to get married, but I like it," said Jeff McLeod, sophomore in history education from Pleasanton, Calif. "One of the reasons I came to a BYU school, is so I can be married with children before I graduate."

However, some students said that, because they are international, they do not feel this same pressure to get married before graduation. Ingunn Sorensen, freshman in psychology from Oslo, Norway, said, "I do not feel the pressure, but I think it is because I am from Europe. Where I am from, people do not get married so young. I feel like I am here to get an education and will head home before I get married."

Another international student, Pepe Maiava, junior in English from Samoa, laughed and said about the pressure to get married here, "I feel it's stupid. I do not want to get married before I graduate."

Religion faculty member Marcus Martins, who was a bishop of the BYU-Hawaii 7th Ward until 2004 and teaches a class here about achieving eternal marriage, said about the students in his ward, "I always encouraged endowed ward members to pursue meaningful relationships leading to a temple marriage. I did so because this is an indispensable step towards eternal life."

A study conducted by a BYU-Provo student found that on average, couples at BYU usually date about six months before becoming engaged; 41 percent of married students met at a church activity; and the average age students are when they get married is about 22. Compare this to the U.S. Census Bureau, which says the national average for when people get married is 27.

Sorensen said she does not feel that here in Hawaii there is as much pressure to get married as there is in Provo. "I feel like our school is small and very laid back - so I do not feel so much pressure. But I feel like if I went to school in Provo, I would feel very pressured to get married before graduation."

Toby Redd, sophomore in biology from Bremerton, Wash., said, "Don't get married because of pressure - because, most likely, you will regret it. It affects you not only in the short run, but also the long run, too. And it will affect more than just you; it can also affect your family as well."

— Nicole Loumeau



# Iosepa: The Voyaging Classroom

**D**uring most of the year, the Iosepa canoe is housed inside the Polynesian Cultural Center, next to the Hawaiian village. But every Spring Term it is towed over to Hukilau Beach Park and launched into Laie Bay, with a crew of BYU-Hawaii students aboard. This year, the launching took place Tuesday, May 5.

This voyage is the culmination of a three-part series of classes that instruct students in traditional Hawaiian navigation. Students enroll in the courses during Fall and Winter Semesters, and then prepare and sail the Iosepa during Spring Term.

"The Iosepa is fulfilling its purpose as a sailing classroom," said co-captain and assistant director of Hawaiian studies, Kamoa'e Walk. "Not only does it teach students how to navigate a canoe, but it also teaches about navigating life. It is about coming against challenges and facing them head on."

The sailing plan for Spring 2009 will take the crew of 10 BYUH students and captains Kamoa'e Walk and Kawika Escaran 18-20 days to complete, if the weather permits.

First, they will head to the Big Island of Hawaii, to Kawaihae, where they will visit the Makali'i canoe, whose crew trained the captains of the Iosepa. They will sail around the island, performing a service project in Kealahou along the way, and then stop in Hilo. Here, the crew will spend a few days doing academic

work in the Imiloa Astronomy Center, learning more about traditional navigation.

From the Big Island, the Iosepa will sail past Maui to Moloka'i to pay tribute to Uncle Bill Wallace, former Iosepa captain and director of the Jonathan Napela Center for Hawaiian Studies, who recently passed away.

They will also visit Kalaupapa on Molokai, where Napela lived and died caring for his wife who had leprosy. The crew has a service project scheduled during their stay there, as well.

But this is not all they plan on doing during their trip; "Throughout the voyage, we also plan on meeting with the youth," said Walk. "We will hold firesides where the crew can share about their experience and bear their testimony."

This year, the main purpose of the voyage is to honor Uncle Bill Wallace and all kupuna (ancestors) who have come before. It also represents a reconnection with the community of Laie. Walk explained, speaking of the launching ceremony on May 5. "It is a community effort... and the Iosepa is the community's canoe as well. They embrace us and we embrace them."

Co-captain Kamoa'e Walk is grateful for the Iosepa and the experience of sailing aboard it. "This is a wonderful opportunity. I am grateful for the opportunity to honor ancestors, family, the community, and the church by doing this voyage."

- Rachel Adams



LEFT: The Iosepa's crew, with Co-captain Kamoa'e Walk (left) addressing the crowd of gathered community members, kupuna, and BYUH faculty and staff for the 2009 launching of the voyaging canoe.

CENTER: Laie Elementary students (left) and Iosepa crew members (right) stand in front of the canoe just before it was pushed down the beach and into the Laie Bay.

TOP RIGHT: Bystanders were asked to help get the canoe in the water by pulling one of the lead ropes, guiding the Iosepa to the water.







# Community gathers to celebrate the Iosepa

True Spirit of Aloha was felt by those gathered to watch the Iosepa enter the waters, which will be its home for the next six weeks.

Spectators of all ages, from elementary school children to the community kupuna, watched from Hukilau Beach Tuesday, May 5, as a beautiful ceremony preceded the launch of the Iosepa. Tears were shed, gifts were presented and powerful speeches envisaged a feeling of peace and unity—unity between the community of Laie and BYU-Hawaii.

After several remarks from community members—Eric Beaver of Hawaiian Reserves, Inc., Cy Bridges and Von Orgill of the Polynesian Cultural Center, Max Checketts from BYUH and both of Iosepa's Co-captains, Kamoa'e Walk and Kawika Eskaran—the Laie Elementary students and students from a local Hawaiian immersion program presented gifts to the crew. People strained their legs, and many got callused hands, as they heaved the 57-foot-long, double-hull voyaging canoe into the water. After 20 minutes of pulling, and with the help of a tractor from behind, the Iosepa set sail into the sapphire water.

Rose Ram, BYUH's university librarian and long-time community member, said, "This is a spiritual journey that we are all apart of. It is truly a blessing to see the Iosepa in the water. Personally, I want to thank the Prophet and mucho mahalo to President Wheelwright for letting this happen." A feeling of pride for Hawaii and all that it stands for swept over the sea of community members as they gathered around to wave and see the Iosepa off.

Kawika Eskaran, a Hawaiian master carver, was commissioned by BYUH's Jonathan Nāpela Center for Hawaiian Language and Cultural Studies to create the vessel in December of 1999. Eskaran, with the help of Mr. Tui'one Pulotu, a master carver originally from Tonga, carved the Iosepa from seven large dakua logs from Fiji. Each log weighed over 6,000 pounds. The seventh, smaller log was used to carve two hoe uli or 20-foot steering oars. (newsroom.byuh.edu)

"When you sail, you feel like you're flying in the ocean," said Mike Bay, Iosepa crewmember, as he fashioned one of the ropes used to pull the Iosepa towards the ocean.

Among those in attendance was professor and anthropologist Tevita Kaili, who brought all 29 of his anthropology students to the beach Tuesday morning. "This is our classroom right here, enjoying this moment," Kaili said with a smile.

Lizzy Allred, returning crewmember preparing for her second voyage, said she was not nervous, but, "There is plenty of work that goes into it."

Allred was quick to mention that it isn't all fun and games, "When we get to different islands, we try to do service for anyone who has helped us out."

The Iosepa's significance runs back to ancient Hawaii, when the first saints came to the island. The late William K. "Uncle Bill" Wallace's ancestors were among those saints who settled in "Iosepa" years ago.

The Iosepa will sail around Oahu, make its way to Hilo on the Big Island, come around to Kena, and finally make its way to Molokai to pay homage to Uncle Bill and his family. Molokai was Uncle Bill's birthplace.

The canoe's name, Iosepa, is Hawaiian for Joseph, and came to the late Uncle Bill Wallace in a dream. The name Joseph is derived from several significant sources. It not only refers to Joseph in the Old Testament, but to Joseph Smith, founder of the Church, and Joseph F. Smith, who was a missionary in Hawaii in the 1800s.

Dr. Phillip McArthur, intercultural studies professor, stood amazed at the side of the hand carved canoe, in awe of the support from the community and the university. McArthur attributes that support to a few things, "This year there has been a very purposeful effort to involve more than BYU and PCC. The center has a new board of fellows, and local kupuna (Hawaiian elders) who all came out to help."

Isaiah Walker, Hawaiian studies professor at BYUH, said, "I think it's great. It's cool to see all the support from all the schools. I think we need more of this kind of thing. The canoe bringing everyone together".

—Marni Vail

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## THE

## FIRST 100 DAYS

## PRESIDENTIAL PROMISES

**W**e all remember Barack Obama's speech at the Democratic Convention. He spoke not only of hope and change but also gave specific examples of how this change would be facilitated. These promises were just a few of many given during his campaign. Now that he's been in office for more than 100 days, it's time to look at how his promises are coming along.

Obama must now practice what he preached. During the 2008 presidential campaign, he said, "You know presidents are going to have to deal with more than one thing at a time," in response to John McCain's call to suspend his campaign to more fully address the economic crisis that struck last fall.

Veronica Mendoza, junior in political science from Vancouver, Wash., said she is impressed with the progress she has seen from Obama. "So far with international relations, he is using tactics that have been used in the past and they are working for him right now. That is really important with the state of the economy and the turmoil caused by the Bush administration."

Of all of the promises he made, there are a few that are of key importance to the American people, among those is the issue of education. During Obama's campaign this statement was released: "Obama will fund No Child Left Behind and improve its assessments and accountability systems." Obama has wasted no time in putting this promise into action. On Feb. 17, Obama signed the economic stimulus bill where \$25 billion was set aside for education and No Child Left Behind.

Taxes have been a huge topic of debate; the constant fear of raised taxes pervades every American home. "I will cut taxes — cut taxes — for 95 percent of all working families," Obama promised at the Democratic convention. Obama originally planned to do this through a tax credit of \$1,000 for any family making up to \$150,000 a year, that amount has since been cut to \$800.

He later said, "I can make a firm pledge: Under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 will see their taxes increase — not your income taxes, not your payroll taxes, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes." In this case Obama has not come through. On April 1 federal excise taxes increased



ABOVE: President Barack Obama speaks with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in the Oval Office.

more than they ever have before with a tax that hit tobacco users.

Michelle Schoenhardt, a senior studying English, art and Japanese from Kauai, said she has mixed feelings about Obama. "I feel that the Obama administration is a mirror of the Bush administration in relation to the tax proposals for the country. Despite this, Obama's movements on world relations are a step in the right direction by gaining more of a friendly stance with the world instead of standing alone as a 'sleeping giant.' Obama is not to blame for any circumstances with the stock market, and I believe he realizes that and is focusing on an important matter: foreign relations and education."

Healthcare was a major issue during the campaign. Obama promised to expand eligibility for Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance programs, and ensure that these programs continue to serve as a critical safety net. In February \$87 billion was invested to help states pay for Medicaid. In addition, Obama promised to "invest \$10 billion a year over the next five years to move the U.S. health care system to broad adoption of standards-based electronic health information systems, including electronic health records." The stimulus law that gave money to help with Medicaid also gave \$19 billion to update of health information technology.

Although these examples show action and ingenuity there are some promises that remain untouched. The promises to monitor and to show more transparency in government spending have lead to little or no action. Some students remain unimpressed by Obama's accomplishment.

David Powell a junior in international cultural studies from California, said, "I didn't really like the things that he said that he would do anyways, so he is just living up to a promise that disgusts me and that makes me wish I would have tried harder to support the campaign that was in opposition to him."

— Lucy Cammock  
and The Associated Press



ABOVE: President Barack Obama visits with his daughters Malia and Sasha and kisses his wife, First Lady Michelle Obama, in a private study off the Oval Office in February.

RIGHT: President Barack Obama speaks about tax reform in the Grand Foyer of the White House in Washington, Monday, May 4.



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## THE FIRST REPORT CARD

*As Obama reaches the first major benchmark of his term as president of the United States, he has an overall popular rating, but not everyone is pleased with his efforts.*

**A**fter 100 days in office, President Barack Obama still has an enormous amount of work ahead of him.

The first few months of his time in the White House have been defined by billions in bailout funds, an increased economic recession, continued trouble in Iraq and Afghanistan, a looming flu pandemic, and even a strengthening of the Democratic hold in the Senate.

Some of his original campaign promises, including ending the War in Iraq and increasing medical coverage, are on their way.

Other promises, such as bringing change to the running of Washington, lowering taxes, and lowering the deficit however, have yet to be fulfilled. As a result, Obama does not enjoy the high ratings he once received.

A recent Associated Press-GfK poll from April 29 shows that 64 percent of Americans approve of President Obama, yet only 48 percent believe the United States is moving in the right direction. This makes the president's next 100 days in office that much more crucial.

BYU-Hawaii student Jahna Ika, senior in social work from Utah, is pleased with Obama.

"I've always been an Obama fan," she said. "I have read about his proposed changes to higher education funding, how he wants to include the requirement of service hours to receive federal loans and Pell Grants. I really like that idea. Ser-

vice is important to social welfare."

In a press conference on April 29, Obama addressed the nation on both his past actions and future plans. Said Obama, "I'm proud of what we've achieved, but I'm not content. I'm pleased with our progress, but I'm not satisfied." Here's what Obama said he has accomplished and what he hopes to yet achieve:

## Past Actions...

- Created a 2010 budget to move the economy from recession to recovery and ultimately to prosperity.
- Passed a recovery act that has already saved or created over 150,000 jobs.
- Provided a tax cut to 95 percent for all working families.
- Passed a law to provide and protect health insurance for 11 million American children.
- Launched a housing plan to increase the number of homeowners who are refinancing.
- Worked with the Iraqi government to ensure military and democratic success amidst continued Al Qaida attacks.

## Future Plans...

- Health care reform to lower costs while maintaining quality.
- Legislation to promote new, cleaner sources of energy.
- New, stricter rules on Wall Street to reward drive and innovation.
- Making sure there is a strong, viable, competitive auto industry.
- Passing the Freedom of Choice Act to expand abortion rights and reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies.

Even after checking off many issues from his Presidential to-do list, Obama will have to continue to balance more than one issue at a time if he hopes to continue to impress Americans and move the country, according to the masses, in the right direction.

Another BYUH student, Rachel Tolleson, senior in exercise and sport science from Hauula, is not impressed overall with Obama. "He has increased the debt, which he said he wouldn't," said Tolleson. "He talks about bipartisanship, but that's all it seems to be: talk. And what's this business about \$20 million from the bailout funds going to special pet projects like Nancy Pelosi's 'Save The Rats' program? It's not right. At the same time, a lot of money has gone to unions that supported Obama. That sounds like a payoff to me."

Obama concluded his remarks with a general overview of the American dilemma: "I want to disabuse people of this notion that somehow we enjoy, you know, meddling in the private sector, if -- if you could tell me right now that, when I walked into this office that the banks were humming, that autos were selling, and that all you had to worry about was Iraq, Afghanistan, North Korea, getting health care passed, figuring out how to deal with energy independence, deal with Iran, and a pandemic flu, I would take that deal."

— Ryan Anderson



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# Annual Hawaii State Mathbowl comes to BYUH



ABOVE: Max Checketts, vice president of Academics at BYU-Hawaii, (second from right) was on hand Saturday, May 2 in the Cannon Activities Center for the Annual State Mathematics Championships that have been hosted for many years on campus. The winners will also be recognized by Hawaii state Gov. Linda Lingle, Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann and Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona.

## Math competition was started 31 years ago to promote teaching, learning mathematics

**H**awaii's 31st Annual State Mathematics Championships (State Math Bowl XXXI) took place May 2, at the BYU-Hawaii campus. BYUH hosted the event along with the Hawaii Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Hawaii Association of Mathematics, who have been long time supporters of the event.

With questions compiled by "a panel of professors and professionals," according to the Math Bowl's Web site, it was anticipated to be "one of history's best" ([w2.byuh.edu/mathbowl/Purpose.html](http://w2.byuh.edu/mathbowl/Purpose.html)).

The event allows all desiring high schools to compete and was started in 1978 as a way to involve smaller and neighboring island schools to receive recognition. Professor of mathematics at BYUH, Dr. David Furuto, was president of the Hawaii Council of Teachers of Mathematics 30 years ago when the idea was proposed, and has since been greatly involved in the event. He now acts as vice president of the Hawaii Council of Teachers of Mathematics and president of the Hawaii Association of Mathematics.

Furuto said, "It should be noted that many former BYUH students who have participated in the State Math Championships have found teaching jobs and other work through relationships cultivated in this volunteer service. Some of them are

current Math Department Heads of their respective high schools, such as Melissa Mano, Perrine Charlene Matsuzaki, Judy Tateyama and Tsz Ming Chan. Many are current math teachers, and many have returned as Math Team coaches for their respective high schools."

The Math Bowl Web site lists as the purposes behind the competition:

- To promote the teaching and learning of mathematics.

- To give outstanding math students the opportunity to compete with one another in solving challenging problems.

- To promote good will and understanding through mathematics among the schools and students of Hawaii.

- To stimulate interest in and create enthusiasm for the learning of mathematics through friendly competition.

True to expectations, the competition was intense. In Division AA, "The contest was tight, because even at the intermission, any of the preceding schools could have won. This 2009 Math Bowl will be probably known as the most competitive State Math Championships in the 31-year history of the contest. At the culmination of the regular 14 problems in the State Math Bowl, four schools were still tied for first place. In the sudden death period or tie-breaker period in two problems with rankings determined by first-to-finish the solution correctly, only seconds separated the four schools," said Furuto.

The winners will have special presentations given to them by Governor Linda Lingle and Lt. Governor William Duke Aiona, as well as Mayor Mufi Hannemann. —April Courtright

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## Envision Laie: Community plans for next 50 years

**O**ver the course of several nights, 450 local residents voted on growth and development issues during Envision Laie workshops held in the Cannon Activities Center April 28-30. About 70 percent of participants were from Laie. Affordable housing was the top concern as well as protecting the future of the area. The majority of people said they'd like to keep the country, country, but that doesn't mean no growth at all. Ninety-one percent agreed the City's Koolau Loa Sustainable Communities Plan should be amended. For more info, go to [envisionlaie.com](http://envisionlaie.com). —Mike Foley



ABOVE: Working around tables in the Cannon Activities Center, community members and the BYU-Hawaii chana worked with HRI and PCC employees and consultants hired by the First Presidency to map out where people felt new development could happen in Laie and the surrounding communities.



ABOVE: Robert Grow, a consultant hired by the First Presidency to help plan growth in Laie and surrounding communities, talks with ICS Professor Chad Ford during one of three nights when the community gathered to discuss ideas about the future. ABOVE LEFT: Those attending the meetings were polled electronically about their views on growth. BELOW LEFT: Another consultant speaks during the three nights of discussion. BELOW: Maps were used to plot where people thought growth should and should not be.





# Intramurals offers fun, exercise and variety

*"No matter a person's skill level ... or ... competitiveness, intramural activities are enjoyable for nearly everyone."*

- Andrew Gancinia, 9th Ward



ABOVE and RIGHT: Volleyball skill and fun was experienced during intramural competition on Wednesday, May 5. Whether they win or lose, students have fun competing in campus sponsored intramural activities.

**B**YU-Hawaii's intramural program provides students with the opportunity to enjoy friendly, fun, organized, and competitive sports. At least once a week there is an organized activity planned for anyone to come and participate in. Andrew Gancinia, intramural representative for the 9th Ward, said, "No matter a person's skill level, experience, or level of competitiveness, intramural activities are enjoyable for nearly everyone."

These activities, along with others, include basketball, volleyball, badminton, bowling, dodge ball, and racquetball. During the fall, winter, and summer Terms, there are even official basketball leagues that have weekly games and a post-season, as well as a playoff series to determine the league champions.

Due to the short amount of time allotted this Spring Term, the basketball and volleyball full-length seasons won't be possible, but there will still be shorter tournaments and other activities to keep this term a competitive one.

Here is a listed of scheduled events happening this spring:

- \* Volleyball (Co-ed Open) May 5-7
- \* Tennis (Co-ed Doubles) May 12-14
- \* 3-on-3 Basketball (M & W) May 19-21
- \* Inner tube Water Polo (Co-ed Open) May 26-28
- \* Golf (2-person Scramble) May 30

Along with these scheduled events there is also nightly basketball and volleyball in the old gymnasium, and occasionally the intramural program will plan other events throughout the terms. Besides providing a great environment to create new friendships, some of the activities in the intramural program are also organized to help promote stronger ward families here at BYUH.

In the past, many of the activity groups, such as basketball and volleyball teams, were made of members of the same ward. When asked why he participates in intramural activities, Tyler Luszeck, sophomore in accounting from Yucaipa, Calif., said, "It gives me something fun and competitive to do with my friends and it is also a great way to take a little break from my difficult school schedule."

In order to get even more students involved, the intramural program is always looking for new and exciting activities that students might be interested in.

Intramural plans are possibly adding, kick-ball, wall ball, power lifting, ultimate Frisbee, Wramnbaughll (pronounced Ram Ball), softball, and table tennis to the list of competitive activities within the year. If anyone is looking for a place to enjoy himself or herself this summer, the intramural program provides just that.

- Aaron Puzey

## Spring challenge 'remands' students to serving time to eat right and get in shape

**E**at, sleep, workout and study; that's what most inmates do while in prison and that's also what a group of about 12 BYU-Hawaii students started April 20 this term for what they call "Spring Prison."

"It's a routine of workouts that unite a group of friends together in the common goal of being healthy and being in shape," said Trent Johnson, senior in political science from La Habra, Calif. who is the acting "warden" at Spring Prison. Johnson continued to say, "When you think of prison, you think of huge, gnarly, strong men and that is the emphasis of our motivation, to go home this summer looking like we were in prison."

As warden, Johnson collects points from all the "inmates," or participants, based on a system created by Theodore Davis, senior in hotel and tourism management from Willard, Utah, and female co-creator Shelby Wood, senior in inter disciplinary studies emphasizing in exercise science from Columbus, Ohio. Interestingly enough, after hearing about the idea, a few female students who are roommates of Wood, decided to join the Spring Prison program. In total there are four women attending Spring Prison this term and are motivating each other to achieve their goals.

"I want to feel healthy and hard core. I feel like I have gained a lot of self-confidence since April 20 when this all started," said Brianna Strawn, senior in international cultural studies from Sheboygan, Wis.

Inmates can earn a possible 60 points each week for doing things like a 30-minute jog (5 points), 30-minute bike ride (3 points), weight room visit for 45-60 minutes (5 points), etc. At the end of the term, Johnson said he will add up all the points and award "parole" to the best-behaved inmate in the program. Parole for the inmate with the most points is just a nice way the warden has decided to recognize the most diligent and best-behaved prisoner. Since Spring Prison began, Davis said he has made some changes in his life such as getting up earlier, going to bed earlier, eating whole grains, cutting back on carbonated beverages such as Coke, and eating less sugar. He and others said they have noticed a visible change in Davis' physique since the beginning.

Just as prison inmates are limited to what they can eat, Spring Prison is no different. While student inmates will

not be subjected to the same types of food that are actually served in prison, they will have to subject themselves to a disciplined diet of their own choice to show a commitment to a healthier life. In addition to receiving points for physical activity, each inmate will receive points for including what the warden calls good food and excluding bad food.

"I've tried to cut out a lot of sugar out of my diet by limiting my 'Snickers' bar intake and to be more dedicated to working out every day," said Wood, who said she absolutely loves eating Snickers bars. While the warden cannot actually control this, he said, the participants are expected to be honest when reporting their weekly points.

Encouraging participants of Spring Prison to eat good foods, points will be given for adding, leafy greens; high protein for packing on lean muscle mass; anti-oxidants to boost the immune system; and to increase the amount of fluids taken into the body, such as water, as it is important to stay hydrated when doing vigorous activity. Inmates said following the U.S. "food pyramid" guide to healthy foods was a great way to be knowledgeable about the best foods to eat during a higher level of physical activity.

This program is not limited to the current participants, said Johnson. With care and concern in his voice, he stated, "We have ideals that are great. But if we don't put them into practice, they are worth nothing. We encourage all who wish to participate to do so, not to think so, but to DO so."

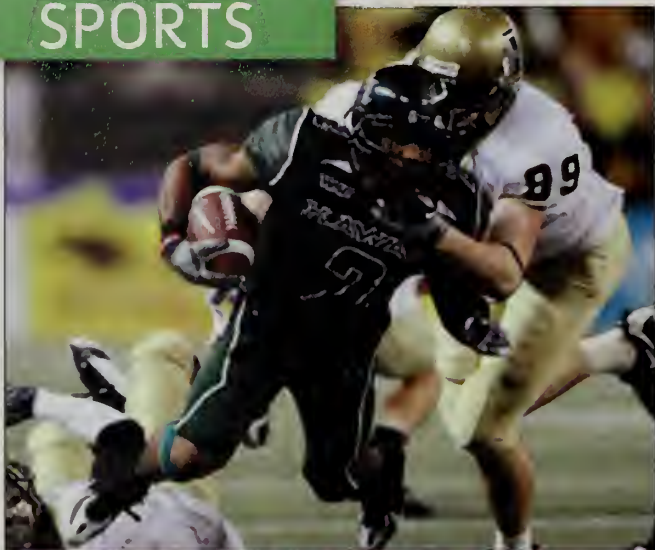
Each inmate in this prison program is assigned a "cellmate," who is picked to specifically motivate the other in their goals making sure they will be reached. Davis said he was looking to tone up and to get a "sex" pack, not just a six-pack, but also the whole package.

The idea of Spring Prison, simply put, is just a fun way for good people and friends to motivate each other to live a better, healthier life. Also, this program is certainly not limited to the Spring Term. When summer roles around, the students might call the new workout program "Six-pack Summer" with ideas based around each participant getting a "six pack" of muscles on their abdomens.

Davis said to anyone thinking about doing something similar, "It's for anyone who wants to get in shape and needs friends to help them stay motivated and focused when it is hard to do it alone." Wood added, "But you've got to be motivated."

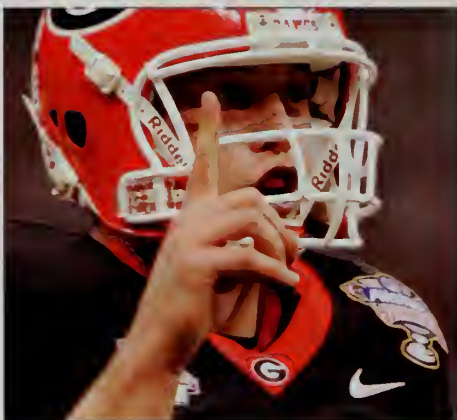
- Michael Schoneman





ABOVE: UH's Ryan Mouton was one of three Warriors taken in the draft. The Tennessee Titans selected Mouton with the 94th overall pick.

RIGHT: University of Georgia quarterback Matthew Stafford was the top draft pick in 2009. The Detroit Lions signed Stafford to a six-year contract with \$41.7 million in guarantees. Stafford led Georgia to a Sugar Bowl victory over UH in 2008.



## NFL drafts record number of island players

Earlier this year, members of the Laie community celebrated as two of their own made it to football's ultimate stage. Former Kahuku players Chris Kemoeatu and Aaron Francisco were integral parts of their respective teams as the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII.

Over the weekend of April 25 and 26, several other players with Hawaii ties took the first step to achieving similar dreams of their own.

In total, six players with Hawaii ties were taken in the 2009 NFL Draft, including former Kahuku Red Raider Al Afalava, who was drafted by the Chicago Bears in the sixth round. Afalava, a safety, spent his collegiate career at Oregon State, where he was twice selected All Pac-10 and collected 167 tackles, three interceptions and two touchdowns in 47 games for the Beavers.

Four other Hawaii high school graduates joined Afalava, establishing a record for the draft. Past years have seen four Hawaii high graduates taken in the same draft, but never five. Also taken in this year's edition of the draft was University of Hawaii's Ryan Mouton.

The Seattle Seahawks selected Max Unger in the second round. Unger, a graduate of Hawaii Preparatory Academy on the Big Island, was touted as one of the top offen-



ABOVE: UH long snapper Jake Ingram was one of six players with Hawaii ties taken in the NFL draft.

sive lineman in this year's draft class.

David Veikune, a Campbell graduate and UH Warrior, joined Unger in the second round, as the Cleveland Browns took the defensive end with the 52nd overall pick.

On the second day of the draft, Mouton was selected with the 94th pick, and will be heading to Tennessee to join the Titans.

The first and only Mauian selected in the NFL draft, Kaluka Maiava, a 2005 Baldwin graduate and USC linebacker, will join Veikune in Cleveland, thanks to a fourth round selection by the Browns.

Mililani graduate and long snapper Jake Ingram was the third player from UH taken in the draft, and will report to the New England Patriots.

— Sam Akinaka

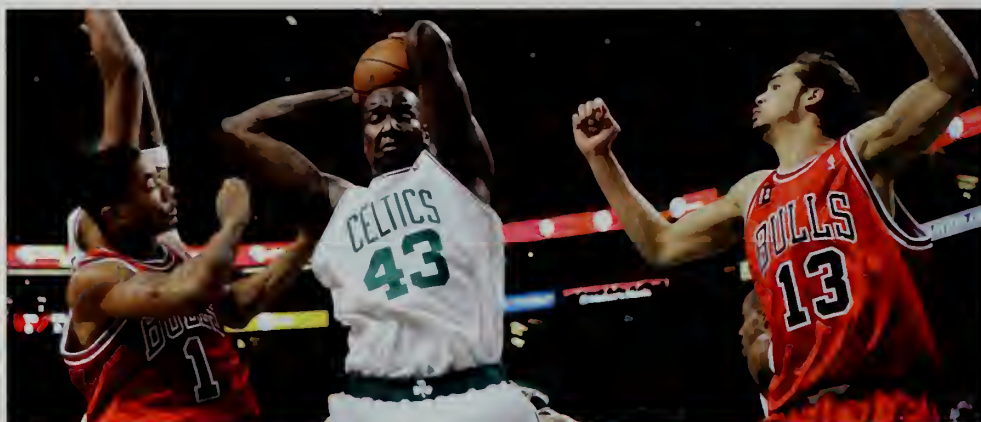
## NHL and NBA finals fill Spring Term sports void

The Spring Term typically brings a lull in collegiate athletics. Aside from the NCAA II post-season tennis tournaments, the shortened term hosts no official sports competitions for BYU-Hawaii teams.

Sports fans on campus have turned to the professional ranks to fulfill their sports-watching needs. "I've been watching the NBA playoffs whenever I can," said Collin Walch, junior in exercise and sports science from Scotts Valley, Calif. "That's the biggest thing going on right now."

Televisions around campus can often be seen showing the playoff games, with handfuls of students gathered to cheer on their favorite teams.

At the fitness center, even weight lifters can be seen



ABOVE: Boston Celtics' Kendrick Perkins (43) pulls down a rebound against Chicago Bulls' Joakim Noah (13) and Derrick Rose (1) during the second quarter of a first-round NBA basketball playoff game in Boston Saturday, May 2.

LEFT: Vancouver Canucks' Roberto Luongo hangs his head after allowing a Chicago Blackhawks goal during Game 2 of the Western Conference semi-final hockey game on Saturday, May 2.

roving back and forth between the television screens in the fitness center and the weight room during their workouts.

"People will take a break from their lifting and watch the game for a few minutes in between sets," said fitness center attendant Mike Tupola, senior in exercise and sports science from Kaunakakai, Hawaii.

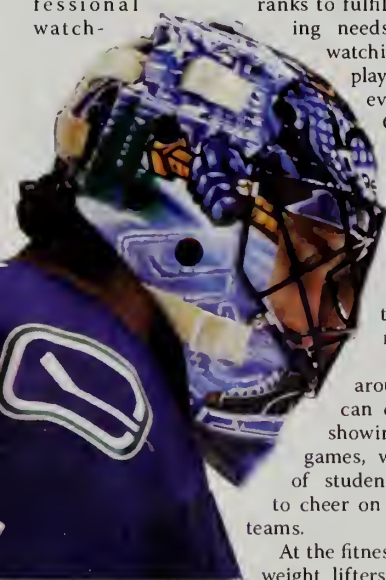
Tupola stated that he enjoys the playoffs and that they keep the televisions tuned to the games because "CNN talks about the swine flu, but no one wants to hear about that. It's depressing."

Both the NBA and NHL are midway through their second round of playoff games. The biggest story of the NBA playoffs was the series between the reigning champion Boston Celtics and the Chicago Bulls. The Celtics won in seven games, four of which went to

overtime, including a thrilling triple-overtime game six. The series was full of highlights as stars on both teams consistently one-upped each other, in what has become an instant classic.

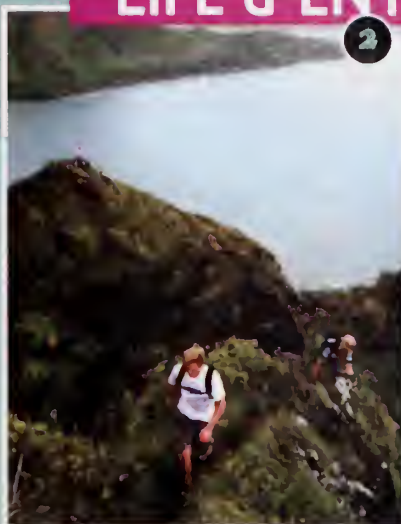
The NHL is showcasing a couple of its brightest stars in the second round match up between the Pittsburgh Penguins and the Washington Capitals. Sidney Crosby of the Penguins and Alexander Ovechkin of the Capitals are two of the hottest names in hockey and have no love lost between them as their teams fight for a spot in the semi-finals. Washington grabbed a 2-0 series lead Monday with both Crosby and Ovechkin scoring hat tricks in the game.

— Sam Akinaka





# 10 activities guaranteed to put a smile on your face



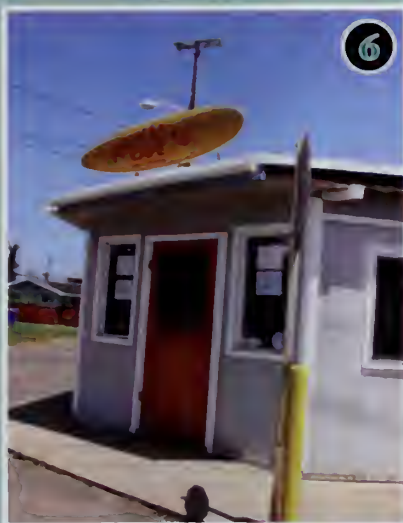
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**Are you bored or need a good date idea? Here are 10 things that must be done before you leave the island. Enjoy checking them off!**

1. Eat a malasada from Leonard's Malasada truck
2. Hike Crouching Lion (Pu'u mana-mana)
3. Enjoy an acai bowl from Kava Roots Cafe
4. Spend a sunny day at Waimea Beach
5. Try surfing
6. Order banana pancakes at Hukilau Cafe in Laie
7. Eat at Ted's Bakery
8. Refresh with a shaved ice from Matsumoto's
9. Watch a sunset at Sunset Beach
10. Dine at Haleiwa Eats in Haleiwa.



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**If you don't know where any of these places are, ask a local or a veteran student. Have fun!**

— Nate Williams



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# Summer 2009 brings excitement to the big screen

**W**hen the heat is too hot to handle, it's easy to step into an air conditioned movie theater. Here is a list of films that should be worth your time this summer.

## Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince; PG, July 15

The sixth book of seven in the Harry Potter series is being released in film July 15, and promises to be one of the biggest blockbusters of the summer. The producers have stuck with the previous director, David Yates, who directed "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," released in 2007. The film boasts an unexpected and action packed climax as relationships change and intensify and Harry learns more and more about Lord Voldemort.

## Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen; Not yet rated, June 24

Due to be released June 24, Michael Bay's follow up to "Transformers" promises to deliver all the same fun and excitement found in the first film. The age-old battle between the Autobots and the Decepticons rages on as the Decepticons try and take Sam Witwicky (Shia Labeouf) prisoner. The secrets of the origins of the transformers are threatened with exposure and the Autobots and Decepticons wage all-out war with one another. This fast paced film promises to blow audiences away with special effects and high tech action sequences.

## Star Trek XI; PG-13, May 8

Director J.J. Abrams has made every effort to reinvent Star Trek, transcending generations to make it accessible to the youth of today. Abrams, who has had success in both writing and directing for television (think Alias and LOST), has not received the same acclamation for his film work (remember Cloverfield?). As a prequel to the original Star Trek, the film offers insight into the well-known characters of Captain Kirk and Spock and follows them as they make the choices that lead them to become members of the Starfleet. The film looks promising; hopefully Abrams will come through this time. Release date is May 8.

## X-Men Origins: Wolverine; PG-13, May 1

Another prequel-based story about how Logan became the Wolverine we know from the other X-Men movies. In spite of the early leak and the lack of continuity with the comics, it looks to be a great action film with all of the merits of the previous X-Men movies. Wolverine struggles to find his way with endless opposition stacked against him. Most of the suspense is killed by the fact that we know that he is not going to die, as it is a prequel. Look out for a review of this movie in our next issue.

Other movies coming up are:

Night at the Museum 2: Escape from the Smithsonian; PG, May 22

Up; PG, May 29

The Proposal; PG-13, June 19

Ghosts of Girlfriends past; PG-13 May 1

Angels and Demons; PG-13, May 15



TOP: A little light is shed on DC Comic's Wolverine in the newly released "X-Men Origins: Wolverine," just one of the many big films to check out this summer.

ABOVE: The three main characters of "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince: (L to R) Ron Weasley (Rupert Grint), Hermione Granger (Emma Watson) and Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe).

Terminator Salvation: The future begins; PG-13, May 21.

— Lucy Cammock

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# Legacy employees honored at annual Ho'omaika'i dinner

**A**mong the many honored at this year's Ho'omaika'i dinner, three stood out for their employment at BYU Hawaii for over three decades. Judith Byers, Hilda Kajiyama and David Lee were all honored for 35 years of service to the university Friday, May 1 at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

David Lee is originally from Southern China and is married to Grace Lee from Hong Kong. He came out to BYUH to study business management, and while still a student started working in the Housing Department. After he graduated he moved into the Financial Aid Department, taking care of student employment. Eventually Lee moved into his current department, Information Technology Infrastructure. Lee has six children; four of the six have graduated from BYUH. "I just think the environment is good here," said Lee.

Judith Byers was born in Kahuku and raised in Laie. She studied business management at BYU-Hawaii, before going into the Navy. "My Navy years took me from Washington, DC, to Pearl Harbor, to Newport, RI. But the east coast was too far away, so I wanted to come home," she said.

Byers has worked all over campus, but since 2000 she has been working at Physical Plant. Byers does more than just work at BYUH; she is a great contributor to the entire Laie community. She has been keeping score for the Seaside basketball

team for 30 years, a job she said she loves.

"I love being close to home and this is an international campus, I work with students and staff. I get a bit of everything," said Byers about working at BYUH. "As long as my bones hold up, I'll keep working."

Hilda Kajiyama started working in Food Services 35 years ago and has never changed jobs. "Because of the variety and excitement of everyday happenings, there is no time to be bored or complacent," she said. Kajiyama has nothing but positive things to say about BYUH and her experience in Food Services. "There is always a happy, positive energy in the cafeteria, which makes coming to work fun and exciting. I feel very blessed to work at BYU-Hawaii. The opportunity to work in a gospel-centered environment, where there is a commitment to quality, excellence, and a continued focus on improvement makes my job very fulfilling," she said.

"I especially love working with students and co-workers. Their optimism, enthusiasm, and fearless courage to take risks have taught me much and have kept me young at heart. In addition, my colleagues at the Food Services are amazing individuals. Their dedication to the gospel, determination to improve services for the university, as well as their work ethics is incredible," stated Kajiyama.

— Lucy Cammock



**ABOVE:** David Lee accepts his years of service award from President Wheelwright.

**BELOW:** President Wheelwright recognizes Judith Byers for her 35 years of service to BYU-Hawaii. Byers currently works at the Physical Plant, and has kept score for the Seaside basketball team for the past 30 years.

**LEFT:** BYU-Hawaii faculty and staff gathered at the Hale Aloha luau at the Polynesian Cultural Center on May 1, to recognize achievements of long-time BYUH employees.



## Spring Open-Mic nights begin, future higher attendance expected

**D**ue to popular demand, the month-long break of the Music Club's Open-Mic Nights has ended. The first Open-Mic night for the spring term, held Wednesday, May 6, included performances by Justin Smith, Matthew Newbold, Gabriel Figueiro, Bremen McKinney, Keith Marcelino, Scott Cowan and others, including students and visiting friends alike.

Music Club President Marni Vail said that she was glad to see people having a good time. The coordination of the first event didn't go quite as smoothly as she would have wanted, she said, but with the help of others, people were able to come and enjoy some good music. She also said not as many people showed up because "We didn't really advertise this Open-Mic very well, but we'll do much better this coming week. Hopefully everyone will just come to expect a great Open-Mic each Wednesday night and just show up ready to enjoy themselves every week."

The performances came from all types of styles and genres of music, the audience gave requests to some of the performers, some of which were

even met.

Keith Marcelino serenaded the crowd with three original compositions of his own on the electric guitar, and Gabriel Figueiro sang several of his own songs while playing an acoustic guitar. Members of the band "Veronica Vaughn"—which formed here at BYUH—Justin Smith, Matt Newbold, and Eric Norton, entertained the small crowd as they played upbeat songs.

"It's been about three months since the last time we've been able to get together and play. It was really fun being able to finally play again tonight," said Smith, junior in accounting from Lake Elsinore, Calif.

Most all of the audience seemed to be having a fun time just relaxing and enjoy the music.

Thomas Rivers Puzey, junior in international cultural studies from Hermiston, Oregon, said, "I always have a good time here at Open-Mic night. I like watching my friends perform, and on certain nights it's fun to get up and play some music myself. It's a real comfortable environment and I enjoy being a part of it."

— Aaron Puzey





ABOVE: Art Saowichit, BYUH student and founder of the @RTIMOS events, has continued to produce the peace-promoting shows, the next of which will be held Thursday, May 21, in Honolulu at the Central Union Church.  
RIGHT: A men's quartet from the BYUH Concert Choir performs at the @RTIMOS concert last March.

# Next @RTIMOS looks for island-wide audience

The next and fourth installment of BYU-Hawaii's beloved peace-promoting concert, @RTIMOS, will be the first to be produced off campus, this time in Honolulu. On Thursday, May 21, people from all over Oahu will be able to enjoy the Spring 2009 edition of Art Saowichit's variety-filled multimedia show, which was once aimed more at the BYUH and Laie communities.

This concert, however, will be in conjunction with Peace Players International, an organization known on campus for its philanthropic and peace-building approach to basketball.

Saowichit, founder of @rtimos, is excited with how fast the concert is growing. "I started this last spring as a student project... and now we're doing a concert in town!" he said.

All of the proceeds from this concert will

be donated to help children in the Middle East, and according to producer Sariah Howard, senior in interdisciplinary studies/international cultural studies from Idaho, they are hoping to raise between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

There are 13 performances lined up for @RTIMOS - including a speech from Israeli peace activist Elad Vazana, who volunteered to speak at the benefit for free and is sure to be a highlight of the evening. "It is a huge miracle that he's working with us," said Emma Billings, director of fundraising for @RTIMOS.

The concert is being held at the Central Union Church parish hall in Honolulu, from 6-8 p.m. Directions and additional information can be found on the @RTIMOS Web site, [www.artimos.org](http://www.artimos.org).

Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$15 for students, and \$10 for children 3-15 and they can be purchased on the @RTIMOS Web site or through Emma Billings at (808) 777-0020.

— Rachel Adams



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## Group from U.S. mainland shares different cultures with BYUH students

Remembering Our Culture - a multicultural dance group of international students from colleges in Utah-delighted a BYU-Hawaii audience on Friday, May 8, with performances from cultures that aren't typically seen in Laie.

"I really liked the Native American dances," said Lillie Avalos, sophomore in math from Rialto, Calif. "They're different from the other dances, and it's a culture that you don't see on this campus very often."

In addition to Native American, some of the other unique cultural displays included a traditional African dance, multiple dances from Latin America, an American "barbershop quartet" number, a gospel choir, and a stomp and hip-hop routine.

Students in ROC do not have to audition, explained Michael Campbell, the founder of the group. They simply sign up, move to Utah, and begin practicing in September for the group's annual tour in May. There are requirements such as the student must be enrolled in college full-time, 12+ credits per semester, retain a 2.0 minimum GPA, and they must practice with the group for 10 hours per week.

"My brother and sister were in ROC, and I always wanted to join the group and learn the Navajo hoop dance," said Navajo ROC member Julie Lopez from Bloomfield, N.M. "Now [the hoop dance] is my favorite thing. I never learned my culture before, but it's awesome to learn it now."

For the past two years, the group

has toured in Mexico, but this year they decided to come to Hawaii. In addition to performing at BYU-Hawaii, they have already performed in many venues in Honolulu and gave a fireside at the Laie Stake Center on Sunday, May 10.

Although the ROC performance had new elements and spread a message of cultural awareness, it was similar in form to BYU-Hawaii's traditional Culture Night. There were short presentations about cultures from all over the world, and the same types of dances that some BYUH clubs perform at culture night were shown again - like the Samoan sasa, the Chinese ribbon dance, and a hip-hop routine to name a few.

"Since Culture Night is a symbol for Laie and for BYUH, everyone feels

like they are a part of it," said Daniel De la Fuente, senior in international cultural studies from Santiago, Chile. "They [ROC] are just missing that island emotion, you could say."

In spite of its similarities to Culture Night and the fact that BYUH is already exposed to many different cultures, most students enjoyed the performance.

"It's good to see the different parts and other possibilities," said Tammy Freebairn, junior in math from Punalu'u. "It's nice to see that it's possible for someone who's white like me to dance like they do!" she added, referring to the Caucasian members of ROC who performed in many of the dances.

— Rachel Adams



# HABERDASHERY

SINGING SONGS ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER

**S**elf-taught and self-produced, Haberdashery is a band that was formed here at BYU-Hawaii. Perhaps the only thing more unique than the name, Haberdashery, is the group's sound, which consists of an eclectic array of instruments and people.

The band is made up of 10-plus people and instruments that range from the classical French Horn and cello, to folk music instruments like the accordion and an instrument that many children's fingers dance across in grade school – the recorder. Members of the band are either students or alumni of BYUH.

Jenna Chidester, a member of the band since last summer and a senior in music from San Diego, Calif., said she joined the band in a unique way. She said she was sitting down in the Aloha Center one day when she received the invitation or challenge by Al Rosales, one of the founders of Haberdashery and a BYUH alum who works for the campus TV studio. Rosales said to her: "If you buy a cello, you can be in the band."

Chidester said she didn't know how to play a cello, but if they were willing to suffer through her learning curve, she'd consider it. That day, she bought a cello and joined the ranks of the up and coming band Haberdashery.

Another BYUH alum and member of Haberdashery, Kathleen Majdali, said, when asked who the band members are, replied: "This is a tricky one. There are a lot of us. Of course there is Al, who with the help of James Warren, started up Haberdashery." The band is actually a memorial for Warren, who passed away almost a year ago.

Warren discovered the name for the band when he worked as a student at the BYUH library and found a book in the library called, "World of Horses," said Majdali. "James got this kid's book for free, and one of the stores in it was called Haberdashery. Ironically right across the street was a store called "Wheelwright," said Majdali with a smile.

Band members said originally they just kept adding instruments because they had too many guitars. Currently there are 10 members of Haberdashery, but they are always changing.

**Al Rosales** - guitar and accordion  
**Mike EdgarHansen** - bass

"My best friends are in the band. Even if we weren't a band, I would be hanging out with these people."

- AL ROSALES,

CO-FOUNDER OF HABERDASHERY AND BYUH ALUM

**Sherrilyn EdgarHansen** - glockenspiel, omnichord and melodia

**Kathleen Majdali** - ukulele and recorder

**Jenna Chidester** - cello

**Bremen McKinney** - accordion and guitar

**Dustin Geddes** - trumpet and melodia

**Erika Marler** - French Horn

**Aaron Knudsen** - drums and guitar

**Erik Norton** - drums

Former members include:

**James Warren** - guitar

**Shem Greenwood** - guitar and lead vocals

**Stu Kaestner** - drums and guitar

**Emily York** - violin

Haberdashery's overall genre is described as "Avante-garde gypsy klezmer jazz indie anti-folk rock," said Chidester, sarcastically. "Basically, it's our take on folk rock," she said.

Chidester said the band's influence ranges from "Irish traditional music to Easter European folk," but a few of their influences include, "Beirut, Arcade Fire, Flogging Molly...anything 'of the people,'" Chidester said.

The band recently started busking – performing in public places for tips and gratuities – in Haleiwa and Waikiki because they didn't feel like they were getting enough practice and wanted to perform more. Majdali said, "We wanted to get real-world practice outside of BYU-Hawaii."

Majdali said they started "playing in the streets for money" in Waikiki, and the first time made about \$100, which they used to pay for gas and then each member got to keep a small amount.

McKinney said, "Busking has helped us with perfecting our stage presence." McKinney added that he always wanted to be in a band. "My last college in

Pendleton, Oregon, had bands come through all the time."

One of the founders of Haberdashery, Rosales, said, "My best friends are in the band. Even if we weren't a band, I would be hanging out with these people."

Mike EdgarHansen added, "When we go busking and make enough to go out to eat, that's enough for me: A free night of fun."

From busking, the group made a few contacts and has been asked to play shows outside of BYUH.

The band's success has not only been because of their talent and array of sounds but has been attributed to a certain set of skills that members of Haberdashery happen to possess. The unique group happens to self produce. Mike EdgarHansen knows how to record and mix tracks, and Majdali, who works as a graduate intern at the Campus News Center, built Haberdashery's Web site and designed the album cover.

"It's definitely been a good character-building experience," said Majdali. "So many people have stuck with it and kept going. I get to play with a lot of fun people that I like to hang out with, so that makes me want to stay with it."

The band started out with simple chords because, Majdali explained, "Some of us were pretty new to our instruments. Jenna just got her cello, and I was pretty new to the ukulele."

Sherrilyn EdgarHansen, Mike's wife, said, "I love it. It has been great. It's kind of my sanctuary."

Norton, who used to play rock music with another campus band, Veronica Vaughn, is now the newest member of Haberdashery. Norton said, the first time he heard Haberdashery was at Gunstock Ranch when they opened for Veronica Vaughn. Since the break up of Veronica Vaughn, Norton said he is happy to be a part of Haberdashery.

Becoming a member of the band can be as simple as Rosales' thinking of someone and asking the person to join. Marler told the story of how Geddes, the band's trumpet player, showed up to play with Haberdashery for her wedding. Dustin "instantly plugged in," said Mike EdgarHansen.

Former member, Emily York, showed up for an Open-Mic Night on campus and was picked up the same way.

Drummer and guitarist, Knudsen, said about being in the band, "It's been awesome. I feel lucky to be in a band that has so much unique talent. My favorite part is playing on the street and making people smile that otherwise wouldn't."

However, Chidester said Haberdashery is becoming less "buddies getting together and jamming" and more a professional band. The band now has a five-song E.P. that is available for purchase online, at haberdashery-band.com, where you can sample the CD before you buy it. The band has been approached by a local artist marketing group with a record label, GroundUP Movement, and Haberdashery is planning on signing with them to produce a full-length CD, get additional gigs, and perhaps even go on tour.

-Marni Vail



ABOVE: Members of the BYUH-based band, Haberdashery, are (left to right) Erika Kuta Marler, Sherrilyn EdgarHansen, Al Rosales, Jenna Chidester, Mike EdgarHansen, Aaron Knudsen, Kathleen Majdali, Bremen McKinney, and Erik Norton.



## Student created Web site helps students make better housing decisions

**W**e have all had that terrible housing experience. Maybe it was a landlord that wouldn't leave you alone, showing up without any notice and creating fines and penalties for the tiniest thing. Maybe you were paying \$400 a month for a tiny house that was falling apart. What can we do about it? One BYU Hawaii student has a plan.

A student who wishes to remain nameless is in the process of creating a Website that will create a forum for students to discuss and rate both their house and their landlord.

"I plan on having it really simple. With a listing of landlords and their rentals, you will be able to leave comments about the landlord and house and vote up or down, to give an overall rating," said the student.

"The best landlords will be at the top of the page and it will go down to the worst. Students will be able to submit names of landlords and houses if they don't see them there. It will be difficult for me to make a list of all the housing and landlords so I will need input from students. I think it will get built up pretty quickly if the students help out. This is only a forum for students; there will not be a place for landlord's response so we will rely on the students to be honest."

The comments on the Website will be anonymous, although you will need to provide an e-mail address to register. This will be used only to ensure that students are only commenting once per house and landlord.

For this student the motivation for starting the Website came from bad experiences with landlords and the stories of friends. The motivation is to help other students avoid getting into similar situations.

"If you are not in Hawaii, you can't ask around. You have to rely totally on the BYUH Website and you don't really know what you're getting into. This Website will be a way to hold landlords accountable and maybe motivate them to raise the standard. I want to create accountability for the landlords in Laie, a form of accountability that is not currently present."

"The landlords seem to be able to do whatever they want. Because every one leaves so quickly, there's not really effective word of mouth. So if you move out, there is a brand new batch of people who will move in not knowing what they are getting themselves into."

The Website is not quite completed yet, but once it is done, it will need the support of students. If everyone gets on board, it will provide an honest review of housing and hopefully improve the quality all around.

- Lucy Cammock

### BYUH Housing Web site:

<http://services.byuh.edu/Housing>

### Things to look out for with contracts:

- You should always sign and have a copy of the rental contract.
- When you sign it, that means you have read AND understood the contract.
- Pay attention to the dates; you are breaking the contract if you leave before the date on the contract, without paying rent



ABOVE: Whitney Schubert stands in her bathroom holding part of the shower wall that has separated from the house. TOP RIGHT: Rats chewed a hole in the bathroom wall of one apartment, and then died inside the wall. RIGHT: The linoleum of this apartment's entry-way is cracked and worn; the landlord is not fixing it.

## UNHAPPY WITH S OFF-CAMPUS

**S**tandard. Abysmal. Adequate. BYU-Hawaii students use all of these words to describe their housing situations—both on and off campus.

Many of the apartments off-campus have maintenance issues, which have gone unaddressed for months. One female student house in Laie has a hole in the wall, a seriously damaged linoleum floor, and a bathroom that needs fixing. Resident and BYUH student Whitney Schubert, junior in exercise and sports science from Marrieta, Calif., said, "[The landlord] knows about the issues, and so does the Housing Department. Every time [the landlord] comes by the house she says, 'We know you need new floors and we're working on it.' That's been happening since last fall."

The Housing Department, however, said that they make sure all student housing is up to standards and that any issues between tenants and landlords are resolved, quickly and completely. Off-campus Housing Coordinator John Kloeppel said he is personally responsible for everything relating to off-campus housing. "I inspect the units at least once a year, and I even take photos of the places to upload to the housing Web site," said Kloeppel.

Kloeppel also explained that every student, when they move into an off-campus residence, should receive both an off-campus housing handbook and a contract, both of which are available through the Housing Department.

Jada Quigley, senior in exercise and sports science from Payson, Utah, said she knew nothing about the housing handbook. Quigley lives in a house where the landlord has not been keen on making repairs. In the bathroom of her apartment there is a three-inch hole in the wall, eaten out by rats. "The rats ate the hole in the wall when they wanted to get in our apartment. When one died inside the wall it smelled so bad we had to make a bigger hole to get it out. Now the landlord is blaming us for the whole thing and the rats," said Quigley.

When it comes to issues such as the ones Schubert and Quigley have,



# Q&A Session

*One BYU-Hawaii landlord tells his side of the renting story. See what he thinks of housing.*

**W**e asked Laie landlord Ray Ruddy what it's like to be a landlord for BYU-Hawaii students. Here are his responses.

**Q: DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS FILLING YOUR HOUSES?**

**A:** Right now there is a supply and demand problem because there are no more mainland students for the spring and summer terms. This has been hard on the occupancy rate, which means we are losing more money.

**Q: IS IT EXPENSIVE MAINTAINING THE HOUSES?**

**A:** Maintenance is constant and a pain; there is a ton of rust.

**Q: HAVE YOU HAD VERY MANY PROBLEMS WITH THE STUDENTS?**

**A:** The problems with students are minimal. They [the students] are usually great. I have had very few late payments and only one student not pay at all.

**Q: ARE THE STUDENTS HARD ON THE HOUSES?**

**A:** So far, not too hard. The girls are certainly better than the guys. The most important thing has been taking out the trash, since bugs are abundant.

**Q: DOES THIS AFFECT MAINTENANCE COST?**

**A:** Yes, I have to do a deep cleaning every year or so, paint, etc. The washer and dryer are a big expense because the salt air and heavy use destroys them.

**Q: WHY DID YOU START RENTING TO BYUH STUDENTS?**

**A:** Ever since I bought the house, it was approved housing and I've kept it as such. Since 2005, I think.

**Q: HOW DO YOU FIND MANAGING YOUR HOMES AND DEALING WITH STUDENTS WHEN YOU ARE NOT IN LAIE?**

**A:** So far, so good. I would like to be here permanently, but I have to keep business going on the mainland as well.

**Q: WHAT COULD BYU-HAWAII DO TO MAKE YOUR JOB EASIER?**

**A:** Make sure the house is always full. That's the main thing, you know, to keep it rented all the time.

**Q: WHAT COULD STUDENTS DO TO MAKE YOUR JOB EASIER?**

**A:** Pay rent on time, take out the trash every day, make sure the trash is taken to the curb when the pickup happens, keep the house clean and immediately notify me if anything breaks.

**Q: WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A BYUH STUDENT LANDLORD?**

**A:** There really aren't any benefits; it's like a charity project. I'm losing money every month, had to do \$20-30k of maintenance on my own. I have to manage on my own to save a few bucks. I was told I would have beach access when I bought the house. So, in a nutshell, it [is difficult] right now. The only hope I have is in the years to come...maybe rents will go up, maybe I can sell for more, maybe the school will buy me out, maybe I can refinance for a lower rate and better cash flow... who knows?

—Lucy Cammock

## UBSTANDARD HOUSING

I said that his job is to clear up the problems. His advice: talk to the landlord first. If no step is made toward rectifying the situation, I said he could step in as a mediator. "I'm a neutral third party certified mediator," said Kloepfel, "and we've had really good results with mediation." If no mutual understanding can be reached through mediation, Kloepfel then refers the individuals to small claims court. "I haven't seen any issues go that far yet, but anything is possible," Kloepfel also added that usually students who come to him with problems haven't talked with their landlord. "I tell them to voice their concerns to the landlord, and let them try and rectify the situation. If you aren't getting the results you want, come back and talk to me. Out of 10 students don't come back."

In the future, there will be some changes with off-campus housing, said Kloepfel. "Students will start to see rent charged per term, rather than per month. This switch should be made by First Term or Fall of the latest."

These changes aren't appealing to many students who live off-campus. "It's just another way for us to get ripped off. [Landlords] can charge a lot more in that situation. It's not cool," said Quigley. "I don't know how students can deal with raising rent costs, Kloepfel said that nothing students can do about it. "We have actually seen a decrease in rent costs since December. There was a large over-abundance of units last semester, 86 unoccupied beds, so there are units dropping the list of available apartments, and supply and demand are creating lower costs for students."

When asked, however, 10 students did not parallel Kloepfel's claim. In December 2008, two students said their rent decreased, two said it was no change, and six students said their rent increased. "On top of the rent increase," said Amy Nichols, senior in international studies from Richmond, Va., "I'm getting charged every week instead of every month."

—Ryan Anderson





ABOVE: The Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team, made up of 22 students and 12 BYUH advisors and consultants, competed at the National Exposition and placed twelfth, the highest placement BYUH has ever achieved.

## BYU-Hawaii's SIFE team travels to Philly, takes top 12 finish in national competition

**T**he students of BYU-Hawaii's Students in Free Enterprise team brought the Spirit of Aloha to the City of Brotherly Love for this year's SIFE National Exposition, and walked away with a top 12 finish and a check for \$1,500.

SIFE is a global non-profit organization that is active in over 40 countries and is funded by various contributors. SIFE's mission is to develop community outreach projects that reach five main educational topics: Market Economics, Success Skills, Entrepreneurship, Financial Literacy, Business Ethics, and Environmental Sustainability.

The BYU-Hawaii group competed against 120 teams from other U.S. universities and was recognized as the competition's underdog story.

"We were the underdogs of Nationals," said Michael Crowe, recent graduate in international business management from Metamora, Ill.

"I don't think anyone in that building but us expected us to get as far as we did. We were the 'Cinderella' team and when we advanced it was just the most amazing feeling to see so many people root for us to win."

A BYUH team — this year made up of 22 students and 12 other BYUH advisors and consultants — has competed at the National Exposition for the last

12 years, but this is the highest placement the school has ever achieved. The students who attended shared experiences that made them feel that, after an accomplishment like this, anything is possible.

Isabel Sakaja, senior in international business management from Nairobi, Kenya was very happy with the underdog finish as well. "Personally I think it goes to show that even with the limited resources that we have, we are able to do so much in changing the lives of the people we help and ours too," she said.

"It's the motto of the school— 'Enter to Learn, Go Forth to Serve'—all over again. We are learning to serve using the education we receive. Some of the schools we beat in the competition had endowments for their teams of \$400,000 and more.

"We have always come out at top 40, but now I guess we feel that next year we can advance to the top 4."

Most of the students who went to the conference believed it was their wide variety and success of their projects that helped them secure the win. At the exposition, the BYU-Hawaii SIFE team presented their 19 ongoing projects—eight new and eleven legacy projects, which have been ongoing anywhere from two to ten years.

The team advanced to the semi-finals on May 11 after their first presentation.

Then on May 12, after a second round of presentations, the BYU-Hawaii team was awarded second runner-up, which meant they would not be advancing to the finals.

Of their top 12 finish, Crowe added, "This was the first time that BYU-Hawaii had advanced past the opening round and just being there as a member looking back on all the projects we worked hard on over the year, it made all the stress and sleepless nights worth it and it brought our team so much closer together. I think it was significant because it validated the worth of our projects and our capacity as an organization to stand amongst the other Universities on a much higher level, with much higher standards."

The expo also provided students with the opportunity to network and meet with the CEOs of more than 50 corporations during a career fair. "There was an awesome career fair in Philadelphia which I had the opportunity to make great contacts with, companies such as KPMG, Wal-Mart, Lowe's, Hershey's and many others," said Nicholas Narayan, junior in accounting and international business management from Kailua, Hawaii.

One of the favored projects involves Jon Mozo, a local photographer who passed away several years ago during a surfing accident at the famous Pipeline.

After graduating from BYUH, Mozo

and his wife, Nikki, started a photography business. After Jon's passing, Nikki struggled with raising four children and running Jon's business. BYUH's SIFE team stepped in to help Nikki organize and record her inventory, and have helped her build a business plan to ensure success in the future.

"I'm so grateful for the help and service of the SIFE kids," said Nikki Mozo. "They have really been a lifesaver to my husband's business and my family. I didn't know what to do with the business, since that was mainly what Jon did. SIFE has become my support and my backup."

About the Mozo project, Crowe said, "This was the project that was near and dear to my heart from Day 1 as a SIFE member."

"Of all the projects we were engaged in throughout the year, I personally felt that this project was the most promising and had the most potential to be something much bigger than what it was."

"There was a period of time when nothing ever moved forward with the project when the Project Director moved on to Graduate School, which to me was disappointing."

"But, as we pulled together as a team to help Nikki, just prior to Regionals, she had the opportunity to meet with one of the SIFE Executives with hopes that Jon's story would be presented at SIFE Headquarters."

"After our last presentation at Nationals, a top executive from American Greetings approached one of our team representatives with a deep interest to make Jon's work a part of their greeting cards. This was huge accomplishment for not only our SIFE Team, but for Nikki. For me, this truly was the 'icing on the cake' and it's what SIFE is all about."

"We are learning to serve using the education we receive. ... We have always come out at top 40, but now I guess we feel that next year we can advance to the top 4."

- ISABEL SAKAJA,

SENIOR IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT  
FROM NAIROBI, KENYA AND MEMBER OF BYU-HAWAII'S SIFE TEAM

-Ryan Anderson



# World Fireknife Competition announces new champion: Mikaele Oloa

**T**hree fireknife dancer finalists, Mikaele Oloa, 18, of Waialua, via "VJ" Tiumalu, 17, of Florida, and Joseph Cadousteau, 29, of Tahiti, had flames encircling their bodies and fire in their eyes last weekend, May 16, as they competed in the Polynesian Cultural Center's 17th Annual World Fireknife Competition final showdown.

The warriors each drew numbers at random to determine who would perform first. The order went as follows: Timalu, Oloa, and Cadousteau. Each contestant brought their own unique set of weapons, and their different styles and routines.

Justin Smith, junior in instructional design development from California, who filmed the fireknife competition this year and last year, had "a better perspective on what makes a better fireknife dancer. Mikaele had a better, well-rounded routine. He was faster, and he had one part where he threw [the knife] higher and then spun it really fast and low to the ground. When he brought in the third knife, that was the icing on the cake. He was super solid with his routine."

Smith said, "Mikaele was hungry for it. When he threw [the knife] way up in the sky, that's when everyone cheered."

After the competition ended and leis were given to all three competitors, the announcer said, "Unfortunately, we can only name one champion tonight."

Night show dancers filled the stage to watch Mikaele Oloa crowned as the 17th Annual Fireknife Champion. Oloa, three-time champion who placed second last year, was happy to get his first-place title back. Night show dancers carried Oloa around the stage and he was awarded a \$4,000 check and a ceremonial 'nifo oti' or traditional Samoan weapon from which the fire knife was borne. (Polynesia.com)

Cadousteau and Tiumalu also received ceremonial nifo oti for their accomplishments, and took home \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively.

After being crowned the 17th Annual Fireknife Champion, Ke Alaka'i interviewed Oloa:

Ke Alaka'i - "How does it feel to be champ for the third time?"

Oloa - "I feel very honored to be here again and for everyone supporting me." Oloa said that his

competitors are all his friends.

Ke Alaka'i - How do you do it, being only 18 years old?

Oloa - "I wake up early, and just practice. It is a big honor just to dance. It's very overwhelming." He has been dancing since he was 10.

Ke Alaka'i - What are your plans to do with the money?

Oloa - "Make more fire knives." Oloa makes all of the knives that

he performs with.

Ke Alaka'i - What is your goal with fireknife dancing?

Oloa - "I want to try and dance for as many places as I can. Everyone was so great. I wanted this for a long time."

Ke Alaka'i - What is your advice for anyone trying to learn this art form?

Oloa - "Don't ever give up!"  
-Marni Vail



ABOVE: World Fireknife Champion of 2009 Mikaele Oloa, licks the flame from his knife at the competition held at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

BELOW: VJ Tiumalu, Mikaele Oloa and Joseph Cadousteau, the three finalists of this year's World Fireknife Championship, face the crowd and await the judges final decision.



COMMUNITY



## Hawaii celebrates 50 years

**L**ast, but not least, never applied to anything as well as it does to Hawaii, the 50th and final state to join the United States of America.

This August 21, 2009, will mark Hawaii's 50th anniversary in gaining that title, and with it comes a slew of programs honoring Hawaii's golden anniversary of statehood.

"I thought [the state of Hawaii] was older than that," said Feli Ika, junior in special education from Utah, "It's pretty close to my parents age."

As part of the festivities, Hawaii Governor Linda Lingle has issued an invitation to all individuals from the mainland turning 50 in 2009 to visit Hawaii for an "Aloha 50th Birthday Party" celebration.

A Hawaii.gov news release states the following regarding the golden anniversary celebrations: "The year-long activities will culminate with a one-day public conference on August 21, 2009 called "Commemorating the 50th State: New Horizons for the Next 50 Years," at which local, national and international leaders will gather to discuss topics about Hawaii's past, present and future, including technology in our daily lives, education for the next generation, the 21st century economy."

Many of the activities throughout the year are educational, to introduce visitors to Hawaii's history and reacquaint residents with Hawaii's rich culture.

BYU-Hawaii students can take advantage of this time to learn more about the history of the place they are in through a variety of activities and tours.

- Sam Akinaka





ABOVE: A map of Mongolia showing the capital city of Ulaanbaatar which holds more than half of the country's population. LEFT: The BYUH Mongolian club opening social at Hukilau Beach.

## First LDS stake in Mongolia to be created in June

**M**ongolian students from the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, studying at BYU-Hawaii, just received exciting news about the growth of the church in their homeland. Through forwarded e-mails and telephone calls they found out that the First Presidency and Quorum of the Twelve Apostles have approved the creation of Mongolia's first stake, which will take place in a matter of weeks.

Gombo Chuluun, freshman in international business management, said, "I cannot tell you how happy I was when I heard the news. Now we will have a patriarch, bishops, and wards in Mongolia and all the blessings that come with the organization of a stake. I am grateful for the gospel in my life and especially for all those faithful missionaries and members who worked so hard to have a stake."

According to LDS Church information, membership in Mongolia is currently at 8,444, and according to [ldschurchgrowth.blogspot.com](http://ldschurchgrowth.blogspot.com), about 10 percent of those members are returned missionaries. Current senior missionary in Mongolia, Elder Jackson, passed this message along to the returned missionaries:

"This is a great blessing for Mongolia; but it is also a great responsibility. The new stake and the wards in it will need strong members and especially strong leaders. Returned missionaries are trained and prepared to be called as leaders. We pray that you will be a strength in your stake and ward, or in your branch and district, and will be prepared to accept any call from the Lord... 'For Zion must increase in beauty and in holiness; her borders must be enlarged; her stakes must be strengthened; yea, verily I say unto you, Zion must arise and put on her beautiful garments.' The Lord has blessed Mongolia greatly. Now, may each of us do our part in building up Zion in this special place."

Ariunaa Buyantogtokh, senior in international business management, echoed this feeling, saying, "It is so exciting, this is like the next higher step. Members will feel more responsibility now, and it's a plus also because it shows of their strong faith."

The stake organization is scheduled for June 6-7. The area now covered by the Ulaanbaatar District, will become Ulaanbaatar East District and the Ulaanbaatar West Stake. The stake will include the districts of Khan-Uul, Enkhtaivan, Songino, Unur, Sansar, and Selbe Branches.

Elder and Sister Caldwell, also senior missionaries in Mongolia, wrote the following:

"Many elders will be ordained high priests so that positions in bishoprics, a stake presidency and an entire high council can all be filled. And stake leaders will also be called for the youth, Primary and Relief Society organizations. A patriarch will be ordained... and will potentially be a very busy man for awhile!"

Gantuya Ganbat, freshman in accounting, is especially excited about Mongolia receiving a patriarch. She said, "This is definitely the sign of the Lord's promise, when he said that he will gather his children from the four corners of the earth. It teaches me that God knows his children, He knows the people in Mongolia, he knows everyone! I have been thinking about the verse in 3 Nephi 16: 4, and wondering that this might include Mongolia. A stake means we will have our own patriarch, and I am so excited to know and see what tribes all those people are from." Interestingly enough, according to [cumorah.com](http://cumorah.com), as of 2003, "all but the tribe of Zebulun have been found among the declared lineage" of Mongolian members who had received their patriarchal blessings while in other countries.

The general feeling regarding this organizational achievement is one of gratitude, especially for the missionaries, and hope for the future.

Sodbileg Chuluunbaatar, junior in information technology, said, "I felt so happy when I heard this news because as a returned missionary who served in my home country one of my biggest goals was to help to establish a stake in Mongolia. I think this is the fruitfulness of many Mongolian and other people's hard work. I'm looking forward to the time when we will have a Temple in Mongolia."

Selenge Enkhtuvshin, a BYUH alum whose family were the first converts of Mongolia, sent this message from home, "Many thanks to all the missionaries who served in Mongolia in the past, present, and future."

And the current mission president of Mongolia and his wife, Allen and Jill Andersen, said, "Dear Mongolian Pioneers, thank you all so much for all the work you did during times and in situations that were much more demanding and difficult than we have ever had to work with. The work in Mongolia is based on a strong and sure foundation created by all of you. I regularly hear wonderful stories about lives touched by your faith, example, and prayers. Thank you."

—April Courtright

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# Students battle it out in intramurals

**E**leven teams participated in a competitive intramurals volleyball tournament on May 7 through 9 in the Old Gym. "We had a wonderful turnout with 11 teams made up of staff and students at BYU-Hawaii," say information from the intramurals coordinators.

The first two nights of competition consisted of "play-in-games" format with only two sets being played for each match and the results determined the rankings teams would receive for the playoffs on May 9. The playoffs were set up so that a team had to win the best 2-out of 3 sets for each match. It was also single elimination – so if you lose one match, you were done.

"The Old Gym had a very competitive atmosphere, especially during the final night of play," continues the information. "Teams really did leave it all on the floor."

The final match featured team Beach Park playing against team Zack Attack. Beach Park won the first set, then Zack Attack came roaring back and won the second set. Beach Park was able to come out on top though by winning the third set with a score of 15-12.

The championship team Beach Park consisted of Ka'Ala Tafa, Rose Vea, Ane Vea, Losa Fakaosi, Marques Whippy, Ashlen Querante, and Chris Tafa.

Whippy, who also competes on the BYUH Seaside's basketball team, said, "Even though I'm not playing basketball fulltime right now, the intramurals activities provides a place where not only school athletes can come and compete, but also any other student interested."

## Married couple wins tennis

A tennis tournament was also held during May but not as many teams participated. The first two days of the tournament teams played one match. For the final night of competition, the two qualifying teams were Tyler Kaleikini and his wife, Tiffany, from the 5th Ward against Whitney Willman and Matthew Saut from the 10th Ward. The Kaleikinis won the match 2 sets to 1, and were named the 2009 tennis double champions.

## Basketball is coming up

The basketball tournament scheduled for this week is going to be huge event, said coordinators. More and more teams are being added to the already full tournament bracket for both men's and women's divisions.

The intramurals program coordinators said they were pleased with how successful the volleyball and tennis tournaments where, and are looking forward to similar success with the upcoming events, which include basketball, intertube water polo and golf.

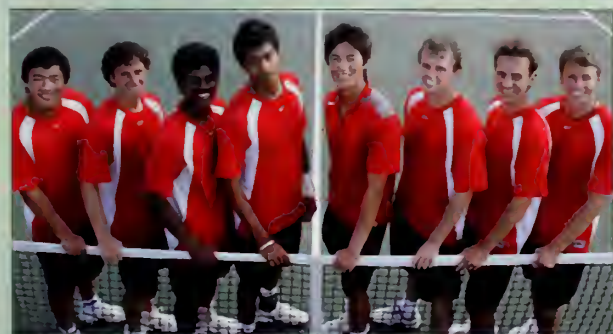
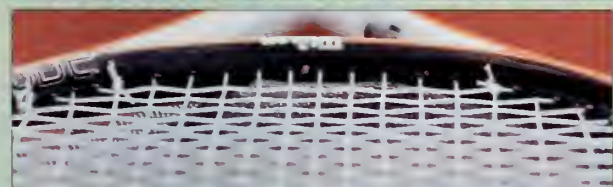
Tyler Luszeck, a sophomore in accounting from Yucaipa, Calif., and also the intramurals program publicity coordinator, said, "It's really exciting seeing students participate each and every week in our events, and seeing them enjoy themselves so much. That's really what the intramurals program is all about any ways."

—Aaron Puzey



**RIGHT:** Students compete the intramurals tennis tournament. It was won by Tyler and Tiffany Kaleikini from the 5th Ward.

# Tennis teams come up short at national tournament



**TOP:** The Women's Tennis Team finished their season at 27-1 losing to the No. 2 team in the national championship. **ABOVE:** The Men's Team also lost to a No. 2 team.

**T**he BYU-Hawaii men's and women's tennis teams both fell to the nation's No. 2 teams in last week's NCAA II National Tournament in Florida.

The 28th-ranked Seaside men lost 5-0 to second-ranked Barry in the first round of the tournament on Wednesday, May 13. One week after the Seaside's thrilling 5-4 victory over in-state rival Hawaii Pacific qualified them for the trip to Altamonte Springs, the men were unable to upset the heavily favored Buccaneers.

"The competition was very challenging," said Rong Ma, sophomore in exercise and sports science from Guangzhou, China, "we got a tough draw in the first round where we played against the nationally-ranked number two team."

"If we could have done a little better in our doubles matches I feel that we would have had a better shot at winning," added Ma, who was one of three Seaside's leading their singles matches when Barry won the fifth and deciding team point. Ma and doubles partner Agnel Peter put up a decent 8-5 score against Barry's top doubles team, but BYUH came up empty-handed at 0-3 going into the singles matches.

That deficit was too much to recover from, despite the great start by Ma, Peter, and Manu Bajpai, playing in the third slot. Ma expressed frustration that they were unable to advance beyond the first round, but said, "...there were no regrets about that match because we really fought hard and enjoyed the battle."

Barry continued to steam roll its way to

the final, where they finally fell to the top-ranked team in the nation, Armstrong Atlantic, in a back-and-forth affair, 5-4.

The Seaside's loss to Barry brings their season to a close with a 16-5 record.

The top-ranked BYU-Hawaii women's tennis team fell victim to Lynn University in the quarterfinals on Friday, May 15.

The Seaside's swept through the first round with a 5-1 win over Francis Marion on Wednesday. On Thursday, they faced off in doubles matches against the Fighting Knights of Lynn, before play was halted due to adverse weather.

Lightning and rain stopped the matches, but not before Lynn had already taken one point at the third doubles position and looked poised to sweep the doubles with a lead in the tiebreaker of both remaining matches.

When play resumed Friday morning, the top Seaside team of Elwen Li and Yuan Jia came from behind to steal a point for BYUH with a 9-8 (7-5) victory over Lynn's top duo, leaving BYUH behind 2-1 at the start of singles play.

BYUH then jumped out to a 3-2 lead with two wins as Li outplayed Lynn's Katerina Jiskrova, 6-0, 6-2; and BYUH's Wenling Wang defeated Jessica Yanoff, 6-2, 6-2.

The Seaside's could not hold the lead, however, as Lynn battled back and took the next three matches for the 5-3 win. BYUH's Jia was leading in the only remaining match.

The loss ended BYUH's season at 27-1, while Lynn eventually fell in the championship game, 5-2, to Armstrong Atlantic.

—Sam Akinaka



## 'Wolverine' gets tough reviews

One of the Summer's earliest and biggest blockbusters, X-Men Origins: Wolverine, has been getting mixed reviews from audiences and critics.

Though most BYUH students asked said they enjoyed the film and would recommend it to their friends, Wolverine only received a grade of C+ from Entertainment Weekly and a rating of 37% on RottenTomatoes.com.

If you have never read the X-Men comics and are just learning the story from watching the movie,



LEFT: Hugh Jackman at the premiere of X-Men's latest, centered on Wolverine.

then you will think the film is great. The plot makes sense, the story is cohesive, and the action sequences are fun to watch.

But, if you have read the comics: beware. The screenplay digresses from original comic story in a few fairly obvious ways. Wolverine and his nemesis, Sabertooth, are brothers, and Deadpool doesn't even talk, just to name a few. If you can get past all of the differences between the comics and the movie, however, it's still good.

This movie is a prequel to the other three X-Men movies that were released in 2000, 2003, and 2006. It does a good job explaining how Logan, also known as Wolverine, came to be the way that he is in the other movies. They set the movie up so that there can be a sequel and continue to tell the story.

Another complaint about Wolverine is that the special effects are not consistently top-notch. Throughout the majority of the film the effects are believable, but in a few scenes the 3-D animation is below par. This seems odd because today there are so many 3-D animated video games and movies, one would think this technique should be almost perfected.

One of the unique things about this movie is the "Easter egg" at the end of the credits. Instead of just one extra segment after the credits, there are at least four possible scenes. Depending on which theatre you go to and what reel of film they use, you might see a different one than your friends.

Overall it was enjoyable, aside from the differences that might irritate those who read the comics. Wolverine is definitely worth the trip to the theatre to see it on the big screen.

— Rachel Adams

## Four tips for healthy grocery shopping

Experts estimate that up to 40 percent of what you buy at the grocery store is based on impulse. These impulse foods tend to be high in fat and calories, and are therefore bad for your body. Remember these four tips next time you set out to Foodland or Wal-Mart:

**1. MAKE A GROCERY LIST.** A Grocery list is important to bring to the store. It keeps you focused on what you actually need versus what you want. Nearly 70 percent of women forget their list - so try to keep it in your car, purse, or electronically.

**2. LOOK AT THE WHOLE SHELF.** Eyes are drawn to the center of a shelf while walking through an aisle at the grocery store. Manufacturers actually pay supermarkets for that space so they can promote their latest product. These most popular items may not always be the healthiest. Many of the healthier foods are actually located on the top and bottom of the shelf as they are not always the top trend. Scan the whole shelf before making a selection.

**3. WATCH OUT FOR THE WORD LOW FAT.** Just because something is low fat doesn't mean you should eat more of it. A study in the Journal of Marketing Research said that people may eat up to 50 percent more calories when a food is labeled low fat.

**4. USE THE SELF-CHECKOUT FACILITY.** When you are personally swiping and items it's a lot easier to see what you are actually buying. Although Foodland does not have this, next time you are at Wal-Mart buying groceries, take this into consideration. "We found that scanning your own groceries can slash, by a third, those last-minute buys," said Journal of Marketing Research study author Greg Buzek. — Nicole Hamilton

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**ON THE COVER:** Keola Harrison, playing the role of Buttercup, and Mike Buck, portraying Westley, were part of a large cast of student and local performers of a newly rewritten version of the book "Princess Bride." Andrew Mierzejewski, a senior majoring in English from Guam, wrote, directed and performed in the play that ran for three nights in the McKay Auditorium May 28-30. For the story and additional photos, go to Page 8.

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# Psychology students present their findings at national convention

*Research improved on Harvard lip color experiment*

A little bit of lipstick can go a long way. At least this is what a group of BYU Hawaii psychology students recently discovered when their extensive research qualified them to represent their findings at a national conference in San Francisco, Calif., in May.

It was the Association for Psychological Science's 21<sup>st</sup> annual convention, and the third time that BYUH students were able to attend. The convention, explained Dr. Ronald Miller, assistant professor of Psychology, is where you can find the "future scientists of the world."

And according to its Website, psychologicalscience.org, it "brings together psychological researchers and academics for an exciting program that covers the entire spectrum of innovative research in psychological science."

There were nine students that were able to attend: Thomas Dearden, Kazumi Yasutani, Ofa Hafoka, Sunny Griffin, Lacey Goforth, Shelly Winward, Valeria Jaramillo, Alexa Kiene and Yoko Tsui. Other students who had worked on the projects previously were also credited with the results.

Their projects included an examination of a previously done Harvard University experiment that involved the effects of lip color and lipstick on perceptions of attractiveness in women, and showed that there were flaws in the previous experiment, and expanded it further.

They also presented projects about personal sacrifice in genetic and social ingroups and outgroups, and Harvard's Implicit Association Test's ability to accurately measure prejudice.

Miller said, "The question has always been, 'Can undergraduate students do the kind of research that would qualify them for this?' and I think the answer is 'Yeah!'" Miller said he had been working on these projects for some time, allowing students acting as research assistants to get involved.



ABOVE: Psychology students Shelly Winward, Thomas Dearden, Valeria Jaramillo, Dr. Ron Miller, Sunny Griffin, Ofa Hafoka, Lacey Goforth, Kazumi Yasutani, Alexa Kiene and Yoko Tsui pose in front of one of their research presentations at the Association for Psychological Science convention in San Francisco, Calif.

Shelly Winward, junior from California, said, "It was a really good experience to meet experts in the field, top people, and be able to ask them questions in person. There were so many classes to go to, about graduate school, how to get in, how to survive, and what to do after."

Speakers from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford and Oxford universities, and other famous speakers attended the event.

Lacey Goforth, senior from Bend, Ore., said, "It was quite an experience to present in the same room or even right next to people from Harvard and Columbia and other Ivy League schools."

"Because two of the projects we presented were based on theories of evolutionary psychology, we had opportunities to talk to people about going to school at a church college and show them that Christians,

even Mormons, can be good scientists too."

Thomas Dearden, from Cincinnati, Ohio, remarked that the coolest thing that happened to him was while they were presenting their research on the Implicit Association Test, a test that comes out of Harvard.

He said, "We developed a criticism argument against it which shows it to be more subjective than most people thought, and a Harvard professor came up and grilled me on the design for about 10 minutes. Then he spent another five to 10 minutes going over every argument that other people have tried to come up with against it... Finally, in the end, he just said, 'Well, keep up the good work,' and walked away. So it was great that we were able to impress Harvard with a study that went against all of theirs."

— April Courtright

## Prepare for the perils of paradise: Storms & flooding

Though Hawaii has been ranked No. 1 of the safest places to live in Sperling's Best Places to live, storms and flooding can make living in paradise difficult — especially out on Oahu's secluded North Shore.

According to Forbes.com, Sperling's list of the Top 5 places to live are:

1. Honolulu, Hawaii
2. Bosie, Idaho
3. Sante Fe, New Mexico
4. Yakima, Washington
5. Spokane, Washington

Sadly, we have learned that Mother Nature is no respecter of paradises no matter how highly they are ranked, and BYU-Hawaii students who were here trying to take their finals during Fall 2008 saw first-hand what a little water can do.

Jessica Judy, junior in art education from Arizona, recalls massive flooding.

"I remember walking home with water up to my hips. It was sad that it did so much damage, but I was amazed at how fast the water drained. By the afternoon, it looked like it was just a really rainy day."

Hawaii is known for its brief rain showers, but as the hours passed on the morning of Dec. 12, 2008, drops kept pelting down turning puddles into irrigation canals as drainage systems were overwhelmed and became blocked.

Despite the wet circumstances, the community came together with a positive attitude, Sarah Beth Stott, junior in international cultural studies from Utah, said, "I thought it was awesome because I always wanted to be in a flood my whole life. But it was sad for the people whose houses were flooded." Stott, who helped sand bag, said she thought it was "awesome how everyone got together to help."

BYU-Hawaii's emergency specialist,

Eugenia Lawrence, is in charge of risk management on campus and said during the flood there were many people who wanted to help but didn't really know how. Lawrence is in charge of coordinating families at BYUH's old gym that acted as an emergency shelter.

"We need to be prepared as a community because of where we are located. Laie and Kahuku are isolated. We need to be self-sufficient and be able to sustain ourselves," she said at a preparedness forum held on campus in May. Lawrence, who worked around the clock during the flood, said they need volunteers. "When it comes to a 24-hour shelter, we need people who can help," she added.

When the flooding hit last December in Laie, some residents were high-spirited, kayaking, swimming and playing. But many community members were left with thousands of dollars worth of damage. To be a helping hand

in Laie when disaster strikes, contact Lawrence at [eugenia.lawrence@byuh.edu](mailto:eugenia.lawrence@byuh.edu).

Sze Pui Cheng, coordinator for Oahu Medical Reserve Corps, who was also there at the meeting, said people often freeze when emergencies strike. It was suggested that reading Amanda Ripley's book "The Unthinkable" would help people to become better prepared and know what to do in emergency situations. The book was also discussed at the forum, and it talks about how it can be deadly to wait for instructions. National Public Radio calls the book a "thinking person's manual for getting out alive."

After the Virginia Tech massacre two years ago, when a student gunman attacked twice approximately two hours apart and the Virginia school did not take proper measures to notify the students, BYUH got a campus alert system, Lawrence said. The system is programmed to notify students via text messaging in case of an emergency. Students can set sign up for the system on their MYBYUH account. Lawrence encourages all students to do this.

— Marni Vail



# Latest @RTIMOS effort does more than entertain

**F**ewer students in the crowd and new performers were among some of the changes of the latest installment of Art Sawowichit's peace-promoting concert series, @RTIMOS. Held Thursday, May 21, This concert's theme was Peace Internationally.

"This is the best concert I have ever

seen come to or out of BYUH," said Mark Chiba, senior in international business management from San Jose, Calif, who hitched a ride to town from a friend to make it to the concert.

The performance, held previously in the BYU-Hawaii McKay Auditorium, was held this time in Honolulu at the Central Union Church's Parish Hall.

"It was different because of the loca-

tion, but it still had the same feel," said Rhonda Chronis, senior in political science from Las Vegas, Nev.

Because the performance took place in Honolulu, audience members were made up of not only BYUH students and community members of Laie, but also residents of Honolulu.

"I liked it because it was more involved and united with the community," said Rachelle Christy, sophomore in English from Laie.

In previous @RTIMOS concerts the performers were mainly students from BYUH, but this time the line-up included BYUH students along with professional and semiprofessional performers.

Throughout the evening, donated prizes such as three-night vacation rentals, jewelry, and art, were raffled off to the audience, who had been handed raffle tickets when they walked in the door.

Another deviation from the previous performances was that all proceeds from the concert went directly to a foundation called Peace Players International.

In Israel there is tension between the Israelis and the Palestinians. Children are taught to be afraid of, or even hate, the other ethnicity. Peace Players is trying to change this by uniting Israeli and Palestinian children through the common interest of basketball.

Elad Vazana, Israeli Peace practitioner, said about those who have participated in Peace Players, "When we meet

each other, our souls meet. We are never the same."

The @RTIMOS production was broadcasted to the children in Israel to watch and the Peace Players directors from Israel were shown to the audience during the performance through a webcam.

The evening was centered on this foundation and the children of Israel. Justin Ritchie, one of the guest speakers at the concert, who traveled to Israel and Palestine to work with Peace Players International last November, said, "Peace is possible. It takes time, dedication, and commitment."

Through ticket sales and fundraising, @RTIMOS was able to raise about \$1,700 for the Peace Players organization.

Stephanie Vojdani, Honolulu resident, said, "It was really special to hear people's experiences. All of the speeches had wisdom and something that everyone can learn from."

— Nicole Hamilton



ABOVE: The Nani Laie Serenaders, a group of Laie kupuna, performed a medley of Polynesian songs with their ukuleles and guitars.

TOP RIGHT: BYUH student Shaun Yuen dances the American Indian Hoop Dance at @RTIMOS on May 21, 2009. This time the peace-promoting concert was held at the Central Union Church in Honolulu.



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## Visiting Hungarian ambassador answers student questions at PoliSci forum

**A**mbassador Balazs Bokor, consul general of the Republic of Hungary in Los Angeles, came to BYU-Hawaii to speak about the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe and was welcomed at the McKay foyer with a traditional Hawaiian chant and leis.

Bokor came on Wednesday, May 27, to speak on the role Hungary played up to 1989 as a catalyst for political, economic, and social change that changed the shape of Europe and eventually the world.

The forum was sponsored by a combined effort of the Political Science Department, the History Department, and the Jonathan Nāpela Center for Hawaiian Studies. Vice President for Academics Max Checketts started off the forum in the ballroom by expressing a warm welcome to Ambassador Bokor and his wife and daughter.

Dr. Jon Jonassen, from the Political Science Department, said, "He was very keen to visit our campus. He came especially to talk to the students... This type of activity is ideal to occur on our campus and we are pursuing more of that. We are hoping to have more and more dignitaries come and speak in the future."

Bokor explained how the shape of Europe was "completely different 20 years ago," with Communism still having a huge influence in Eastern Europe. With

the relaxing of Hungarian and Austrian borders and the acceptance of Communist-Block refugees, thousands started to flow through Hungary to escape oppression. A total of 75,000 East Germans went through Hungary right after the border was opened. This breakdown of the Communist oppression in the mid-1980s led to the eventual destruction of the Berlin Wall and the re-unification of East and West Germany.

Having lived and traveled through many parts of the world representing the Republic of Hungary and speaking on the very subject of the collapse of Communism and the events that led up to it in 1989, Bokor has come in contact with several key leaders in the world, including the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

After his presentation, he opened the remainder of the time for questions. Several mentioned they knew missionaries who are or who have served in Hungary and asked questions about the religious situation and structure of Hungary. "If you can go to Hungary on your mission, I can promise you that you will enjoy it there. I can't promise you success but you will enjoy it," said Bokor, laughing with the audience.

Students were able to greet and talk to the ambassador after the forum. One student who served her



ABOVE: BYU-Hawaii Vice President of Academics Max Checketts, stands beside the ambassador from Hungary Balazs Bokor, wearing a lei, who spoke on campus at a political science forum.

mission in Hungary surprised the ambassador and his family by speaking Hungarian. The Bokors spent the rest of the afternoon Wednesday at the Polynesian Cultural Center.

— Jordan Flake



# June 2009 graduation forecast: Snow and Storms

**T**hough June Commencements are a normal occurrence for BYU-Hawaii, the over 200 graduates will have the opportunity to hear on June 6 from an LDS Church general authority and one of the presidents of the Seventy, Elder Steven E. Snow, and BYUH graduating senior and accounting major Alex Storms.

Elder Snow was called to serve as a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy in March of 2001. He currently serves as a member of the Presidency of the Seventy and has supervisory responsibility for the North America Central Area.

He and his wife, Phyllis, are the parents of four sons. A native of St. George, Utah, Elder Snow earned

his bachelor's degree in accounting at Utah State University and his law degree at BYU in Provo.

Elder Snow has been a deputy county attorney for Washington County, Utah, and a senior partner in the Utah law firm, Snow Nuffer.

Over the years he has been actively involved in the support of education, having served as a member and president of his local school board, chairman of the Utah State Board of Regents, and chairman of the Western States Commission of Higher Education.

Prior to his call to serve as a full-time general authority of the church, Elder Snow served as a full-time missionary in the North German Mission, a bishop, and a stake president. He also served as the president of the California San Fernando Mission. In 1999, he became an Area Seventy for the Utah South Area. Elder Snow has also served as executive director of the Priesthood Department and as president of the Africa Southeast Area of the Church, according to church information.

The graduating student speaker for June's Commencement, Alex Storms, is from Monroe, near Seattle, Wash. Storms explained how he was chosen to be the speaker for commencement. He said the names of the students with the highest GPAs were sent to the faculty for their input and, after some deliberation, Storms was chosen. He added that it came as no surprise because, Storms said, "I had a feeling. I knew my GPA was high and thought it was a possibility."

When asked how he felt about the assignment, Storms said, "It was kind of scary but kind of exiting when I found

out. I've never spoken in front of that many people before. I don't want to think about it. It's a little intimidating."

Storms has been at BYUH for two and a half years as a transfer student from Cascadia Community College in Washington. While on his mission in Japan, Storms decided to attend a LDS Church school. He applied to all three BYUs and was hoping for Provo or Hawaii. He almost didn't apply to Hawaii, thinking he wouldn't get in and that he might be wasting the \$30 application fee, but he decided to apply at the last minute. However, BYUH was the first school to accept him and he decided to attend.

"The greatest benefit of attending here has been gaining a greater understanding of the world in general," Storms said. "I served in the Sendai Japan Mission and then came to BYU-Hawaii. From these experiences, I have seen more and more just how small the world really is. Seattle is nice but there is not a lot of exposure to different cultures there. Being at BYU-Hawaii has made the possibility of living outside the U.S. much more realistic."

"On the spiritual side, the opportunity to serve in the temple has been the greatest blessing. The temple is so close and so easy to access. My overall best experience was serving as an ordinance worker," he said. "When the temple closed, at first I was excited to have my Saturday mornings free again, but now I just miss it. I miss that certain closeness with Heavenly Father that you just can't replicate outside of the temple."

Storms said he has been accepted into a BYU Provo graduate program and will start on his master's degree in accounting this fall. He is also considering attending law school and hopes to get into politics. He said, "I don't know if I want to do accounting as a job. But I have enjoyed studying it and want it to lead to a career where I can serve people."

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to come to school here. It's been a great blessing," said Storms.

—Kathleen Majdali



ABOVE: General Authority and member of the Presidency of the Seventy Elder Steven E. Snow will be speaking at graduation on June 6. ABOVE RIGHT: Along with Snow, BYUH senior Alex Storms will be the student speaker at this June's Commencement exercises.

## Laie Temple closes, students wed elsewhere

**W**ith the Laie Temple closed, engaged students are thinking economically when choosing the location of their wedding.

As glamorous a wedding in Hawaii sounds for students at BYU-Hawaii, mainland and out-of-country family members may not agree after travel plans suck pockets dry.

For those wanting to get married close to school, the nearest temple is the Kona Temple, which is still an airplane ride away to the Big Island.

Amy Cunningham and Matthew Bracken were scheduled to get married at the end of May. They considered a wedding at the Laie Temple because they met at BYUH and are planning to stay here after graduation. With the Laie Temple closed, however, the couple has decided to get married in the Oakland California Temple where they have a lot of family.

"We considered the Kona Temple as well and debated it for quite a long time. We knew it would be really hard on our families financially so we decided against it," said Cunningham, junior in 2D art from Walnut Creek, Calif.

For students with family on the mainland, it is cheaper for the couple to travel to the mainland instead of the whole family to take a trip to Hawaii.

When asked if she considered a wedding in the Kona Temple, bride-to-be, Lu'isa Piutau, a fresh-



man in TESOL education from Nuku'alofa, Tonga, said, "Instead of all of us going to Kona, we decided that we could be the ones to travel to the mainland to save both sides of the families from spending a lot of money."

Lu'isa Piutau and Paula Moala both dreamt of being married in the Laie Temple far before they knew they knew they would be in Hawaii to study. As Lu'isa doesn't have family here, her and Paula are traveling to Utah to be married in the Jordan River Temple in July. By choosing to get married in Utah, Lu'isa and Paula's family from the mainland will be able to attend their wedding.

"He [Paula] wanted to have some from my side of the family to be there at my wedding to make it special for me," said Piutau.

—Nicole Hamilton



LEFT: Marcus and Lee Yen were married in the Laie Temple in September 2008, before its closure in December. Couples who got engaged after the temple closed in December, are having to go elsewhere for their temple weddings. ABOVE: The Laie Hawaii Temple is set to reopen mid-2010 after being closed for renovations.



## Focus in on June '09


**SHAD BOWEN**  
 International Business Management  
 Fort Worth, Texas

"The gentle giant. The big, nice guy." This is the legacy that body-builder, country music fan and self-proclaimed momma's boy, Shad Bowen wants to leave here at BYU-Hawaii when he graduates in June.

"At first glance he might frighten you," said friend, Hannah Wilkinson, sophomore in secondary education from Elk Point, S.D. "But really, he's just a big teddy bear. He's like the body-building uncle I never had."

Roommate Zac Fucik, from Auckland, New Zealand, said about living with Bowen, "It's like living with a big, playful, muscly cowboy who acts like he is 13 years old." What does Bowen want everyone to know about him? "I'm handsome, charming, single, and love older women," he said with a grin on his face. "I am a fast learner. Very motivated. My freshman year of high school I was 6'2", 130 pounds. Eight years later, I'm 6'2", 230 pounds. All chiseled muscle."

Bowen started body building in high school with a drive to "not be skinny anymore and to excel in sports."

"He looks like a Tim McGraw on steroids," said Wilkinson.

Bowen plans on staying in Hawaii for a while and wants to serve a mission beginning sometime in the fall. Bowen said his biggest ambition is to get married, have kids, and raise a righteous generation in the church. And someday, he said, he will be seen on Country Music Television.

**AMANDA WHITFORD**  
 Elementary Education  
 San Bernadino, California

Cross country, school, marriage, pregnancy and graduation: "I am happy that I did everything in order," said Amanda Whitford. A member of BYU-Hawaii's cross country team, Whitford said she has been happy being on the team and doing what she knows how to do best. "It is a lot of hard work," she said. "However, it was the best thing I did here at BYUH beside education and marriage."

While running for BYUH, Whitford won the Pacific West Conference championship last fall and earned All-American honors for her 18th-place finish at the NCAA II National Championships. She was the only BYUH runner to qualify for the national meet and only the third Seaside in history to do so.

"Whitford was once the reigning two-time Pacific West Conference champion," said BYUH cross country Coach Norman Kaluhiokalani, also known as Coach K. "She is a great young lady. Always a worker, listens to instructions and always very humble. It was a pleasure to work with her, and I wish all runners were like her."

When Whitford was asked how she was able to balance being a student, a cross country runner and a wife, she said, her husband, Joe Whitford, was her support. He helped her to survive last season, which she said was challenging as she did an internship, ran for the team and was a wife.

Amanda and Joe have been married for two and a half years.

She is now pregnant, but she is a volunteer coach for Kahuku High School's cross country team. Joe said about Amanda being pregnant and coaching, "I let her do whatever she wants. I think she can handle coaching and the baby, and when she cannot, she will stop."

After graduation, she wants to work as a substitute teacher at Kahuku High School and start coaching full-time. She said BYUH has helped her know the importance of education and going to church. She said she sees the school as an avenue to help bring out people's potentials and that she is an example of the university doing just that.


**Valeria Jaramillo**  
 Psychology  
 Colombia

Valeria Jaramillo is a student of many experiences. Born in Colombia, introduced to the church in Mexico, baptized in Brazil, she received her associate's degree in Switzerland, and served a mission in Mesa, Ariz. After all of this, she made the decision to come to BYU-Hawaii. Carla Rada, who nominated Jaramillo for this spotlight, said, "She's just amazing; one of the most awesome people I've met. She's done so much with her life and been so many places and been in many different situations that have opened her eyes and allowed her to learn, which I think is what this school wants."

Jaramillo has been a research assistant for Dr. Ron Miller for nearly two years. She said, "I can honestly say that much of what I've become as a student was because of Dr. Miller believing in me."

Some of the highlight experiences she has had here are seeing five of her girlfriends serve missions, two get baptized and serving in the temple at the recommendation of her bishop. "The education here has been more than just secular, but spiritual. I feel that I was put in a place to strengthen others and share my testimony, and the ohana atmosphere really provides those opportunities to bless others."

Jaramillo will be moving to Boston, Mass., after graduation to work for Sovereign Bank as the Human Resource manager. She wants to do marriage and family therapy and is looking into graduate school at BYU-Provo, Purdue or Northwest universities.


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## COURTRIGHT International Cultural Studies City, Utah

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Among the few students will be graduating with a International Peacebuilding, started offering only With this certificate, she to Israel and shadow Peace tional and meet with many tal, and non-governmental that are working for peace in

ney and awareness through us to build a well in Sierra Leone, ht and her good friend, Saeko dded the club Students for Interna- ment to help students make a difference and locally by getting involved with non-gov- nizations and different service opportunities recognizes Dr. Brian Houghton, Dr. Chad Ford, and Dr. Yifen or their influence and guidance. "Not only are they all brilliant chers, but as people they really inspire me. They have taught e to expect more from myself." After graduation, Courtright plans to move to Washington, D.C. and use her journalism experience to get involved with some different NGOs there that focus on helping children. She is also ooking into George Mason University's Institute for Conflict ysis and Resolution.



## MARYFLOR JASMINE M. CANLAS Special Education Philippines

Each and every semester new students come and students leave, and our campus is never lacking in wonderful people that make BYUH a better place. One amazing person who will be leaving after graduating this term is Maryflor Jasmine M. Canlas. She said she has "enjoyed the last three years of my life spent here at BYUH so much." Canlas explained how many of things she did here at BYUH were the "first time" she's done them; including living in the dorms, living as a working student, receiving bigger callings at church, riding a bike, swimming in waterfalls, hiking, meeting and gaining new friends, finding her future eternal companion, and "becoming more dependent to the Lord's will than my own."

Canlas is engaged to Paul Scott Milbury, a BYUH alumni, and the two will be getting married June 9 in the Kona Temple. Canlas said she has tried to live by one motto while here at BYUH and it helped her make it to where she is today: "Always remember: Begin with the end in mind. Once you step on this very special and inspired campus, set a goal you want to accomplish and learn while you are here at BYUH. Get all the education you can. It will truly prepare you to become an influence to the people around you wherever you will go. In all things that you do, always remember this: 'Know who you are, and act accordingly.'"



## JUSTIN RITCHIE Political Science/Peace Building Las Vegas, Nevada

Justin Ritchie arrived at BYUH on June 6, 2005 and is graduating exactly four years later on June 6 with a degree in political science and an International Peace Building certificate. During his time at BYU-Hawaii, Ritchie has been involved in BYUHSA.

Ritchie plans on continuing his education at law school, and he hopes to be involved in international politics one day. His goal is to work for the United Nations in conflict resolution.

"BYU-Hawaii helped to narrow my focus and give me direction," said Ritchie. "And this campus is like a microcosm of the world itself...so if we have peace here, why not everywhere else? This school sends the message that peace is possible."



## NATHAN SIMS History Sky Valley, California

Nathan Sims has a special place in his heart for BYU-Hawaii and the people of Laie. "Coming here two years ago, I never thought I'd get this attached. It's going to be so hard to leave. It's definitely the best two years I've had because of the relationships I've built."

Sims will return to California where he will participate in workouts to try to continue his basketball career. Sims is looking to increase his impressive basketball career in Europe, and he credits the stellar 2008-09 Seaside season with opening doors for that possibility.

Coach Ken Wagner said of Sims, "What really impressed me was his leadership ability. He would always try and help all of [his teammates] be better players and better people. I think that will make him really successful when he leaves here." Despite his aspirations, Sims will not forget Laie anytime soon. "I've already got a return flight to come and visit people," he said.



## ERIK RAMSAY TESOL Education Snowflake, Arizona

Erik Ramsay is a first generation college student in his family, and as such will be the first to receive a bachelor's degree. He is graduating summa cum laude and is the TESOL Society President and a student manager at the Reading and Writing Center on campus.

According to his wife, Amy, "He is a loving husband and father... He is a wonderful example of this university's mission 'Enter to learn - Go forth to serve,' because he has devoted and will continue to devote his life to education and service. Also, he will be a wonderful instrument for good, not just in the United States, but also all throughout the world. He has a passion for languages, as well as a sincere interest in and respect for other cultures."

Ramsay devoted his high school and college summers before his mission to helping in a summer camp for the handicapped.

He described his experience at BYU-Hawaii as "very rewarding." After graduation, he is going to pursue his teaching certificate and possibly teach overseas for a while, but the Ramsays would eventually like to settle down in the States.



# New twist on famous 'Princess Bride' tale

**T**he Princess Bride" is a well-known work of film and literature, but last weekend, May 28-30, BYU-Hawaii audiences were treated to a stage version of this beloved work.

BYUH senior, Drew Mierzejewski, adapted the original novel by William Goldman into a stage play for his senior project. Mierzejewski's writing matched the style of Goldman wonderfully, and the dialogue was always believable.

One addition that the audience particularly enjoyed was the prologue and epilogue that were performed by the narrator, Morgenstern, who was played by Mierzejewski himself. They were humorous and got the audience more involved in the show.

The acting throughout the show was high quality and entertaining to watch. Very few cast members forgot lines, and everyone seemed perfectly cast. The main characters of Buttercup and Westley, played by Keola Harrison and Mike Buck, were perfectly cast. The two did a wonderful job portraying one of the most beloved fictional couples in the media.

Well-known segments from the movie were portrayed very well, such as the battles with "The Man in Black", Miracle Max, and of course the infamous priest at the wedding of Humperdinck and Buttercup. The fight scenes and fencing were choreographed well and obviously had a lot of time and effort put into them.

Even some lesser-known scenes and

characters that came from the original book were added to the play, such as the character of Countess Constance Rugen, the wife of Count Rugen the six-fingered man. Played by Shannon Majdali, this character was a humorous, new element to the play that kept the audience intrigued.

There were also some unique cultural twists to the play that made it relatable to a BYU-Hawaii audience. For instance, Fezzik the giant, played by Laie resident LeGrand Lawrence, was actually a large Maori man from Auckland who had a hankering for chocolate haupia pie.

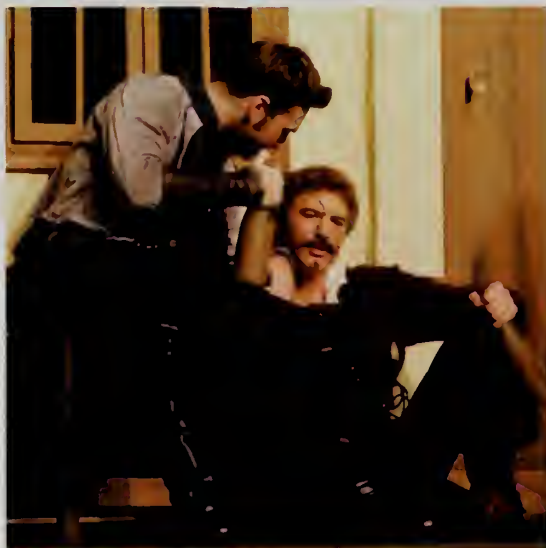
On top of the acting and scripting, the sets were versatile and fit the story very well. The only complaint could be that at times, scene changes seemed to run a bit on the long side.

The overall message of this play was not that true love can conquer all, as it was in the film version of The Princess Bride. The epilogue reminded the audience of a line that Fezzik the giant had said earlier in the play, "Life isn't fair, it's just fairer than death is."

The narrator then explained that even though we didn't know what would happen to the characters of the play – they might not live happily ever after, they might be killed, and so forth – we just had to remember that as long as they were alive it was better than being dead. This message sheds a light of optimism on everyday life, and leaves audience members with a good feeling as they leave the auditorium.

—Rachel Adams

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TOP LEFT: Jonathan Marler, the prince, holds Mike Buck, Westley, at the point of his sword in the BYU-Hawaii production of "Princess Bride."

ABOVE: Morgenstern, played by director Drew Mierzejewski, leans over to talk with Inigo Montoya, played by Adam Harrison, during Saturday's performance. Harrison proposed to BYUH coed Meghan Seely at the end of Friday night's performance. She said "Yes."

ABOVE MIDDLE: One of the prince's guard, Anthony Ing, explains part of the plot to the audience.

FAR RIGHT: Buck fights with Fezzik the giant, played by LeGrand Lawrence.





# Historic chapel in Cambridge burns

NATION

Fire ruled accidental: No one was hurt when it broke out while members were watching a satellite broadcast

**I**magine sitting peacefully in a church meeting when suddenly you're jolted out of your seat by a blaring fire alarm and next thing you know you're among throngs of people watching flames ravage your nearly 60-year-old building.

A screaming alarm sent members of the LDS Church in Cambridge, Mass., outside their chapel near Harvard University Sunday, May 17. Fire investigators have determined the fire was accidental.

Members said they didn't even smell smoke, but when all the people cleared out, they saw their building, a landmark of the expansion of the church in post World War II, engulfed in flames.

The Massachusetts building was built and dedicated in the early 1950s and it houses three wards. The first ward consists of single undergraduates from area colleges, and the other two wards are made up of young adult singles, ages 25 to 30. The building also houses the Institute for Religion, a center that provides local college students with the resources to research religious topics. In two hours, flames had gutted the building, leaving behind a skeleton of red brick walls and white window panes.

The roof collapsed and smoke billowed from the charred remains, but the steeple stood fast as fire



ABOVE: Firefighters battle fire at LDS Church in Cambridge, Mass.

fighters doused it from several angles. The smoke drifted over the Harvard Square area, its odor permeating the air up to a mile away as church members stood in Longfellow Park watching the building burn. The fire, which required 22 engines, seven ladder companies, and about 80 firefighters to extinguish, finally died out about 1 p.m.

Bishop Paul Dredge, said by phone from the

LDS Church in Belmont, that the loss of the church would be hard for the members. "This is very sad for people who have a history with this building," he said.

Grant Bennett, director of public affairs for the Cambridge Stake of the LDS Church, said the destruction was particularly devastating because of the church's position as the first in New England.

"There's a lot of history to this church," he said. "It's very sad but we absolutely will rebuild."

About 350 Mormons had gathered at the church to watch a satellite broadcast from Salt Lake City, Bennett said. The gathering began only a half hour before the fire broke out. Micaiah Masterson, 30, a church member from Somerville, said those inside the church didn't smell smoke, but were alerted to the blaze by an alarm. "We thought it was just a drill, so everyone sort of made their way out calmly," he said. "Then we saw fire, and it just didn't stop from there. Smoke was coming out from every vent."

"It's terrible, sad, horrible to watch it burn down like this," said Rebecca Sansom, 29, of Cambridge. "This has been a centerpiece of LDS in New England for a very long time. But we'll rebuild it, and it'll be okay," she said. "It won't be the same, but it'll be okay."

-Marni Vail and the Associated Press

## LDS Church announces new radio station

**T**he launch of The Mormon Channel, an online and 24-hour-a-day LDS radio station on May 18, will make church content even more accessible to members across the world.

According to The Mormon Channel's Website, <http://radio.lds.org>, it is "the official radio station of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The channel originates from Temple Square in Salt Lake City and broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

The Website also explains that the content broadcasted on the station comes both from new gospel-related radio programs created specifically for the station and from church archives.

Some of the new programs include: Scripture Stories, a station geared towards children; Into All The World, which spotlights members from all over the world; The Light of Men, that focuses on the ministry of Jesus Christ; and Mormon Identity, aimed at answering questions about the church.

One of the other radio programs that look interesting is titled Conversations, which has personal interviews with church leaders. In the LDS Newsroom press release about The Mormon Channel, it says, "In the initial episode [of Conversations], Deseret Book head, Sheri Dew, interviews Elder David A. Bednar and his wife, Susan."

Chris Twitty, director of digital media for the church, said in an interview with

the LDS Newsroom, "We have the responsibility to extend the messages of the church in yet another way with the new station. We have access to all the resources of the church in creating program content. Though it seems a daunting task to fill the airtime, we have a wealth of information that will be of interest to listeners — much of it new and never before heard or seen."

Some new innovations that are coming along with The Mormon Channel are an iPhone application and a Facebook widget for the station.

For more information or to actually listen to the station, visit <http://radio.lds.org>.

-Rachel Adams

## Elder Holland Easter message become viral video

**A** series of videos produced by the LDS Church called "Mormon Messages," can be viewed on YouTube, and Elder Jeffery R. Holland, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, gave an Easter season video message on the Atonement that got a lot of traffic online. It became the No. 1 video in the Internet "nonprofit" category in Brazil, India and other countries.

According to the Viral Video Chart, which identifies the most popular "viral" videos, Elder Holland's video reached close to a quarter million views in the first weekend.

Brett Hellmich, senior in biology, from Costa Mesa, Calif., said he thinks the video received so many views largely due to it being so short. "It attracts people with short attention spans, which is most of us today in this world," he said.

Others, like Leialoha Limary, junior in international cultural studies from Elverta, Calif., said the number of views is because of the powerful message. "Holland is so passionate about the message of the Atonement and those listening can feel the 'spirit' and they know he knows what he is saying is true," she said.

Limary said this is what makes people want to learn more about the church and its message. "How can you not feel the spirit? One person feels the spirit and wants their friends to hear and feel the same spirit so they will share this video with their friends," added Limary.

In a press release from the "LDS Newsroom," LDS Church spokesperson Kim Farah said the reaction to the video seemed to reflect a "perfect alignment" of factors - a powerful Christ-centered message in a language that is familiar and

understood by everyone, the topicality of Easter, the use of the short video format that is most popular on the Internet, and the enthusiasm of Latter-day Saints to share their faith. On the Website, [viralvideochart.unrulymedia.com](http://viralvideochart.unrulymedia.com), it explains how videos on the Internet make it on its most-viewed charts: "We scan several million blogs a day to see which online videos people are talking about the most."

Leaders of the LDS Church are encouraging their members to help spread the gospel message using the Internet. In his commencement speech at BYU-Hawaii, Dec. 15, 2007, Elder M. Russell Ballard, also of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, spoke of using the Internet to spread the gospel: "The Lord over the centuries has had a hand in inspiring people to invent tools that facilitate the spreading of the gospel. The church has adopted and embraced those tools, including print, broadcast media, and now the Internet. While the Internet is often misunderstood and incomprehensible to many of my generation, it is second-nature to yours." He went on to say, "... May I ask you to join the conversation by participating on the Internet, particularly the New Media, to share the gospel and explain in simple, clear terms the message of Restoration."

-Michael Schoneman



ABOVE: The Angel Moroni sits atop most of the LDS Temples that dot the world. He is seen as a symbol of restoration and the Mormon faith.



## BYUH ohana joins Hauula Relay for Life

**B**YU-Hawaii students joined as one with the community in a fight against cancer with the Relay for Life program. Relay for Life is an activity put on by the American Cancer Society in which, for 12 hours, participants ran or walked the field at the Hauula Community Park from 6 p.m. May 22 to 6 a.m. May 23 in order to promote the fight against cancer.

The three main goals of this event included celebrating those who have and are currently fighting cancer, remembering those who have passed from the disease, and fighting against the disease to put an end to it.

The participants were broken into groups of 10 to 15 people and one person from each group was required to be walking at all times, making it a unified team effort.

"I love seeing the families together and dedicated," said Spencer Scanlan, junior in psychology from American Samoa.

The night began with an opening lap called the Survivors Lap, which was walked by anyone who had survived cancer.

"I thank God for making me strong. I felt teary-eyed when I walked because I am still living," said five-month cancer survivor Vanessa Pie, from Hauula.

"The Survivors Lap was very emotional because of the purpose behind it all. We have a survivor in our family and we have also lost one to cancer," said Kale Kau from Hauula and member of the team Fonoimoana Ohana.

BYUH even had a team to support the cause. Member Irene Lolofi, junior in elementary education from Marsh Valley, Idaho, said, "It makes you feel good to be aware and part of the community."

Along with the walk, there were various activities and events scheduled throughout the night.

BYUH's Latino and Korean Clubs both performed during the night. There was also a scavenger hunt, fire knife performers, a car auction and games of volleyball, musical chairs, and charades.



**ABOVE:** At the Hauula annual Relay for Life cancer fundraiser, displays taught people about the disease.

**BELOW:** BYU-Hawaii student Charlene Ignacio participated along with other members of the BYUH ohana in the all-night relay to fight cancer. Students helped by raising money for the American Cancer Society, and two clubs on campus also performed.

Teams also set up booths to raise more money. They sold a variety of snacks and beverages. Others gave massages, haircuts and painted faces. All of the proceeds went to the American Cancer Society.

Thirteen-year-old Taylor Cook, from Hauula, organized the haircut booth with the help of his mom and aunties who all work for Supercuts. He heard about the Relay for Life event and wanted to do something about it. His mom, Toni, is the regional manager for Supercuts so he ran the idea by her. He talked to his aunties and they were all willing to help. Throughout the evening they gave \$10 haircuts.

"It's really cool to help people. We've raised a lot of money to help and it feels good," said Cook.

Another touching part of the night is the Luminaria Ceremony. At this time, participants placed decorated bags with the name of someone who has passed on due to cancer. Inside the bag was a candle. All of the lights were turned off on the field and the candle bags were lit and placed around the track.

A slideshow was played with pictures submitted by the participants of loved ones who have passed away.

"I have a lot of family members that have and have had cancer and past away from it. This event really helps motivate people," said Venus Aloha, from Kahuku.

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LEFT: Ros Savage in Honolulu, Hawaii, after rowing across the Pacific from San Francisco in 99 days. She pulled in to the Waikiki Yacht Club September 1, 2008.

**R**oz Savage, a British ocean rower, author, motivational speaker and environmental campaigner set out to finish her quest to be the first woman to row solo across the Pacific Sunday, May 24. In case that feat isn't enough, she is working towards getting others to match her journey with a personal journey of their own.

Savage plans to row 10,000 strokes a day from Hawaii to Samoa, in a journey that will take approximately 100 days. This is the second stage of her solo Pacific voyage, she completed the first stage in 2008 when she was the first woman to row from Hawaii to California on her own.

In an initiative called Pull Together, started by Savage, she encourages people to match her 10,000 oar strokes each day with 10,000 steps of their own.

On Savage's Website, [www.pulltogether09.org](http://www.pulltogether09.org), it says, "Join Roz by pledging to walk/cycle more and drive less. Ten thousand steps is about 6 miles or 2 hours of walking. It may seem like a lot, but this includes steps taken around the house, to work, to the loo or to the refrigerator."

Pull Together encourages those who join the initiative to keep track of their steps using a pedometer and a Website called Joe's Goals, [www.joesgoals.com/pulltogetherindex.htm](http://www.joesgoals.com/pulltogetherindex.htm). Joe's Goals is a Website interface that keeps track of both the steps taken by each individual as well as the total steps taken by all of those involved in Pull Together worldwide.

If you would like to join Pull Together, visit the Websites mentioned above. After all, as the Pull Together site says, "It's good for your body and good for the planet!"

—Rachel Adams

## Intramurals called intense

**I**t was a thrilling finish to an intense battle on Thursday, May 21, in the title game for the men's three-on-three intramural basketball championship. The team of Andrew Gancinia, James Kammerer, JJ Peterson and Leonard and Marques Whippy scored two points in the final five seconds of overtime to win, 18-17, in a hotly contested battle.

In women's intramural action, Ane Vea, Lesina Funaki, Celeste Ketcher, Shaina Siliga and Agnes Tuilevuka fought their way to a 14-10 victory in the title game. Vea, junior in exercise and sports science from Hauula, cited the ability to execute as the key to the game. "We grabbed more rebounds and dropped more shots. Talent-wise it was even," she said.

The friendly competition of the earlier games reached a new level of intensity in the men's final, leading to disputed foul calls and stoppages in play, until intramurals workers were required to take over the officiating.

One of the referees, Adam Van Tassel, senior in hospitality and tourism management from Roosevelt, Utah, said, "It was intense, just like every other championship game."

Spectator Tyler Kaleikini added his point of view. "Winning the intramural championship is a big deal. Nobody wants to be second place," said Kaleikini.

Peterson, who lays claim to being on every championship basketball team since he arrived at BYUH, was the hero in this one, nailing a short left-hander at the buzzer. "It was an ugly shot, but I'm glad it went in," said Peterson, junior in IDS from Draper, Utah. "It was a very physical game, but that's how we like it," he added.

Peterson praised the intramurals program, and stated, "It [intramurals] was really well put together and really competitive."

—Sam Akinaka

## Talking story with Mike Akinaka: New men's soccer coach

**M**ike Akinaka, from Hawaii loves, being a coach for BYU-Hawaii soccer. Akinaka played at BYUH in 2000 before the program was cut and then again in 2006 and 2007. He was the team captain in the latter years and was an assistant under Coach Miller in 2008.

Akinaka said he feels, "all the sports programs are part of, and should be held to, the same standard as the rest of the student body here; that is that they will be leaders throughout the world."

The Ke Ala'aki asked Akinaka a few questions about his new position:

Q: What's your favorite part of being a coach?

A: I like being involved with the sport that I grew up loving. I love being a coach to such a great group of people because I get to see and create a really high level of the game. It is a privilege and blessing to be at a place where so much is expected of you and those around you.

Q: How has it been as far as the success of the team?

A: Sadly, I feel that the team has underachieved in key areas. This being my first year as head coach I feel ready to take the team to the level of success that it should be achieving. Even though this is a rebuilding time, I have high expectations for myself and of course the program.

Q: How long you will coach, and what are your thoughts on the future of the team?

A: I will coach for as long as I feel I can do the job well. I feel that I have a lot to learn but also a lot to offer. If I can build on the knowledge that I currently have as well as achieve the goals that I've set, I feel I could be around for a long time. As far as the future teams, I expect players to grow tremendously from their time here. They will already be



ABOVE: Mike Akinaka, a former BYU-Hawaii player and an assistant coach, is now the men's soccer head coach

coming with skills and knowledge of the game but I want to build on all areas both on and off the pitch. I want to see the promise of the prophet fulfilled in my players.

Q: Any other interesting information about yourself or the team?

A: I come from a soccer loving family. My wife is an excellent player as are many of my siblings. My parents are heavily involved with the game and so are many of my in-laws.

—Marni Vail

## First inner-tube tourney has handful of teams

**T**he Intramurals program put on its first ever Inner-Tube Water Polo tournament in May, and organizers said they couldn't have been happier with the results although only a handful of teams competed.

Tyler Luszeck, a junior in biology from Yucaipa, Calif., and also an intramurals program coordinator, said, "Because only four teams competed, we were all able to spend more time in the pool instead of watching. I had a blast and I know everyone else on my team did too."

The final game of the tournament included team "Intramural Staff," and team "Polo." During first half action, team Intramural Staff took a slight 2-point lead over team Polo. During the second half, however, team Polo came back on a tear, eventually winning 12-7.

"Even though we didn't get the victory, it was still a blast playing," said Rachel Raynor, a sophomore studying education from Modesto, Calif., and one of the members of team Intramural Staff. The champions of the 2009 Spring Inner-Tube Polo tournament, Team Polo included, Kenny Nicholes, Ted Low, Bobby Tree, Brenna Rhoades, Jeff Eynon, Whitney Willman, Aaron Jones, and Jenna Brooks.

"It was an intense but also a very fun tournament," said an intramurals staff member. "We're excited to run it again real soon!"

—Aaron Puzey



## 'Star Trek' and 'Terminator' series successful

**S**tar Trek" has taken international audiences by storm, impressing both new and old fans. Audiences were apprehensive about the new rendition of the old classic, which aired for the first time in 1966. It is no easy feat to draw in a new audience while staying true to the old.

Director J.J. Abrams, who has been very successful on TV with the series "Lost" and "Alias," has not been quite so lucky with his films (think "Cloverfield"). But with "Star Trek" grossing more than \$79 million in its opening weekend, it is safe to say that J.J. Abrams' luck on the big screen is about to change.

Abrams steers clear of the obvious mockery that has plagued the series. He respects the show but not so much that he is bound to the original storylines. As a prequel, the storyline starts at childhood; Abrams provides insight into the childhood of the characters that many of us know so well.

They begin to fall into the familiar roles in the face of action and uncertainty. The tag line for the film, "this is not your father's Star Trek," couldn't ring more true – filled with what appears to be very expensive stunt work and fluid suspenseful fight scenes.

The crew of the Enterprise not only battled the evil Romulans, who are dead set on luring the young Starfleet cadets into space, but overcome the stigma attached to the television series. Up and coming actor Chris Pine and "Heroes" favorite Zachary Quinto are right on target as the juxtaposed characters Captain Kirk and Spock – they play off one another as com-



ABOVE: In this film publicity image for "Star Trek" are, from left, Anton Yelchin as Chekov, Chris Pine as James T. Kirk, Simon Pegg as Scotty, Karl Urban as Bones, John Cho as Sulu and Zoe Saldana as Uhura.

plete opposites. But it is their differences, which creates a balance on board the Enterprise.

There is no hint of a copycat as they seek to recreate the characters, which were immortalized by William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy. However it is clear that they have been influenced by these performances.

Essentially the message of the film is hope; hope in a time of near apocalyptic chaos. And the message is well received with a perfect mix of message and action. Maybe it's been done before, but sometimes it can be hard to "boldly go where no man has been before."

### 'Terminator: Salvation'

"Terminator: Salvation" is a little bit difficult to get your head around. In order to understand the film you really need to be a Terminator fan. However, veering from the generally accepted time travel premise of previous Terminator films is leaving a bad taste in fans' mouths. Relying heavily on the previous Terminator films might make this film hard to understand for the average viewer, but that could be made up for

with exciting action scenes and special effects (hundreds of futuristic robots).

Set in the year 2018, the war between humans and Terminators rages on. The virtue of human emotion is the most valuable commodity in a world over run by killing machines.

John Connor continues to be at the forefront of the resistance. Christian Bale, who is now firmly seated in the role of hero/superhero, does not disappoint. Anyone who thought his husky voice was part of the Batman persona will be interested to know that it is here to stay.

Contrasting the harsh reality of a brutal unfeeling Terminator, the film attempts to create an emotional storyline, not only involving humans, but Terminators also, or more accurately, a human-terminator hybrid. Who knew, Terminators have feelings too.

It seems that at its core the purpose of "Terminator Salvation" is to bridge the gap between the films that have already been made and the ones that will come. They will be back. And they will be good.

– Lucy Cammock



## Consumers eagerly await iPhone's OS 3.0

**I**f you think Apple's iPhone is already the greatest and most advanced phone on the market, get ready to fall in love all over again. In the beginning of June, Apple will release OS 3.0 for the iPhone, the latest operating system for the phone that has already taken the world by storm.

"I love my iPhone, but I'm so excited for OS 3.0 because it will make an amazing phone even better," said Dave Jensen, senior in pre-professional biology from Ohio. "I can't wait for the cut, copy and paste features. There are only a few things that I would change about the

iPhone as it is, and this update will take care of every one of those issues. I get excited every time I think about it."

The changes to which Jensen is referring apply to both the software and production of the iPhone. Apple's Website says some of the new features offered through the new update are that iPhone owners will be able to: search the entire phone; cut copy and paste, send photos, contacts, audio files, and location through messaging; read and compose e-mail and text messages in landscape, iPhone-to-iPhone connectivity for multiplayer games, and more.

Rachel Tolleson is not an iPhone owner, but she wants to be. "I have an iPod, but I will upgrade my phone to an iPhone as soon as my plan is up," said Tolleson, senior in exercise and sports science from Hauula. "I trust Apple products, and I think the 'apps'

[for the iPhone and iPod] are cool programs that work well and upgrade often." She did add, however, her one complaint is the touch screen keyboard, rather than actual buttons.

The new operating system will also add to the phone's Push feature, which is the way programs on the iPhone, including downloaded apps and e-mail, receive and check for new information.

The Apple Website explains, "The Apple Push Notification service provides a way to alert your users of new information, even when your application isn't running."

So in early June, Apple will release a new version of its Software Developer Kit (SDK), which allows companies and individuals to develop new "apps" and programs to be used on the iPhone and iPod.

– Ryan Anderson

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# 'Ha: Breath of Life'

*More contemporary  
new PCC night show  
has drama and animation*

**W**hen the figurative curtain was raised on the new Polynesian Cultural Center night show, a literal curtain cascading from the ceiling of the amphitheater accompanied it.

Titled "Ha: Breath of Life," the new show starts as a pair of giant white sheets descend from above to form a gigantic curtain screen upon which is projected the story of a husband and wife and the birth of their son. The show that follows is the sweeping epic of Mana, a Polynesian child, whose story is told in the dances of the many islands represented at the PCC.

The recent change in the night show was undertaken after years of preparation. While maintaining all of the familiar Polynesian cultures that visitors to the PCC have come to know and love, the scope of the night show has changed completely. A fairly seamless integration of the aging of one Polynesian boy to manhood told through the dances of Tonga, Hawaii, Aotearoa (New Zealand), Samoa, Tahiti, and Fiji, the show tells a tale that is common to all of the cultures.

The use of animation projected onto screens is the first, and most noticeable, difference between the new and the old shows. With the earthy colors of and patterns similar to those found on the Hawaiian tapa cloth, the screens bring modern life to an ancient story. The real excitement, however, is found on the stage, and the new show has amped up the entertainment in a big way.

"It's definitely more contemporary," said Darrell Moe, sophomore in Pacific Island studies from Laie. "It's really a lot different from past shows, but I

think it's a positive difference." Moe dances in the Hawaii, Maori, and Tahitian portions of the show, as well as the highly entertaining fire knife section and said, "I really enjoy performing it."

Moe noted that not all reviews of the new show have been positive, mainly due to the modern influence felt in the performances. "People compare it to Broadway," said Moe. "They say it's like 'The Lion King.'"

There is an element of storytelling through acting that did not exist in the previous PCC night shows. Moe, however, thinks that it can be a positive thing. "With past performances it just highlighted our dances. [The new show] portrays a lot of the real foundation of our culture, which isn't dancing or singing; it's service, community, love and respect. Without those things, our culture is nothing."

"We do have sorrows and challenges. We are real people. Not just puppets who start dancing when the music starts playing," added Moe.

For an evening of entertaining dances, as well as touching moments depicting the importance of 'ohana in Polynesian cultures, the new night show – "Ha: Breath of Life" – is worth taking a look at.

– Sam Akinaka



ABOVE: Scenes from the new PCC nightshow, *Ha: Breath of Life*, which follows the life of Mana, a young Polynesian boy, from birth and boyhood to manhood as he travels throughout the islands of Polynesia. Clockwise from top right: Mana dancing as a young boy, Mana gets engaged, Mana as an infant with parents, a large curtain and animation is employed in a group number to represent an ocean voyage, the fireknife dance has been reinvented with new choreography.



# President Lesuma gives four reasons for new Ward boundaries

Sunday, Aug. 2 was the last day to be a "ward hopper," meaning that any BYU-Hawaii ward boundary that you live in and attended on that date will be your ward for the next year.

President Meli Lesuma, first counselor in the BYUH 3rd Stake, said there are four reasons for this decision: For better administration of the stakes and wards; for developing strong wards; for building a constant and consistent opportunity for Bishoprics to get to know and minister to their ward members; and for avoiding ward hopping.

Lesuma said if records are transferred and requested every month, it makes the administrative affairs of the stakes and wards more difficult and unorganized. "The stakes are the ultimate goal of the church. BYUH 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD stakes are the stakes of Zion. The Lord expects an organized stake from us since his house is a house of order," said Lesuma.

Furthermore, to develop a strong ward, he said requires constant work of the bishop and those he works with, including all the members of the ward. This be-

comes impossible if every month or two, Lesuma explained, the bishop has to release and call new leaders because they are moving to different wards. He said he strongly believes with the one-year ward boundaries, the wards will not only grow and become stronger, but the students will also become spiritually strong and this can lead to long-lasting relationships between students.

Elaborating on the duties of the bishops, Lesuma referred to them as "fathers" and "shepherds." "They are there to administer to the needs of people, and some of this ministering requires a long kind of attention that cannot take effect if students move from one ward to the other," said Lesuma. He said bishops can gradually help students get over additions and bad habits, and that this can only work when students stay in the same ward for a year.

Ward hopping, a term used by Lesuma to mean moving from one ward to the other, can affect many things in the ward and also in the life of students such as home teaching and visiting teaching. Additionally, it makes it difficult for people to fulfill their callings.

"Our leaders are inspired to make rules and set ward boundaries," said Jerry Espi, an alumni of BYUH from Manila, Philippines, and the secretary of the BYUH 16th Ward. "I feel it's reasonable to stay in a ward for a year because it is easy for home teaching and visiting teaching to reach out to people."

Lesuma said another effect ward hopping can have on students is "it can gradually make students to become less active." Understanding the workload, stress and activities that comes along with being a student, Lesuma said sometimes people might feel lazy and not go to church, and once this attitude starts, it can become a continuous one. Students often use changing their ward as an excuse to stay away from going to church, he said. They move to a different ward where the bishop hardly knows them and cannot tell when they don't come to church.

Rashna Kajal, junior in international business management from Suva, Fiji, said, "Change is good. Sometimes you get bored of being in one place. So when you change wards, you get to meet new people, which is good."

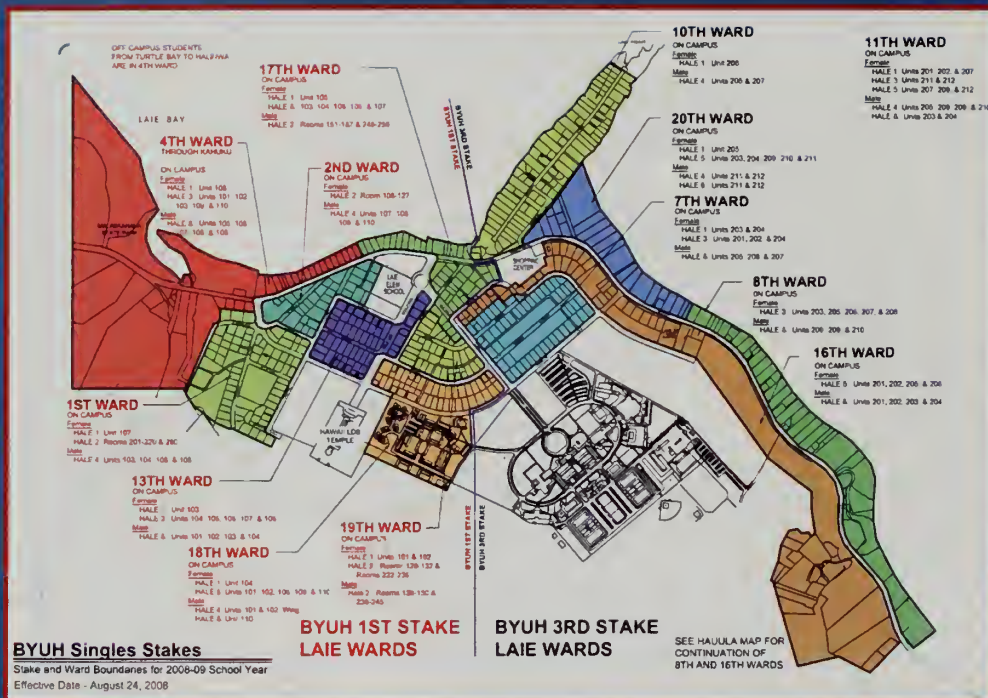
However, Vanessa Tandimon, a freshman from Jakarta, Indonesia, who recently moved from the 4th Ward to the 7th Ward, said: "At first when I heard I had to leave, I was sad. But since I know that the gospel is true and it is the same every, I had to move because it is the gospel we are after."

Jenebeth Guard, an exercise science major from the San Fernando, Philippines, said, "At first it was hard for me because I loved my ward and I had a calling. But at the same time, one just has to be obedient. Change is for the better." She moved recently from the 10th ward to the 7th ward.

Gifty Boateng, a sophomore from Accra, Ghana, who moved from the 20th ward to the 17th ward, said, "I don't like change. I feel very uncomfortable when I get to somewhere where I am new because it is difficult for me to adjust to change. But I just have to be obedient. Besides something good could come out of change and it's a learning experience."

The 2009/2010 stake and ward boundaries organized in such a way that the 1ST, 2ND, 4TH, 13TH, 17TH, 18TH, and 19TH are under the BYUH 1st Stake with boundaries in the various hales and units. While the 3RD, 7TH, 8TH, 10TH, 11TH, 16TH and 20TH are under the BYUH 3rd Stake. The BYUH 2nd Stake is made up of the married student wards.

- Gloria Kajo



LEFT: This map shows of ward boundaries for the BYUH singles wards. As of Aug. 2, whatever ward students live in will be their ward for the next year.

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## Performers welcome at Open Mic Night

Every Tuesday night since the Summer Term, people can hear music coming through the walls of the Little Theater out into the street. Open Mic Night is the name of the activity. Whomever wishes to perform, said organizers, is given a chance to do so.

"I like it a lot. I enjoy a lot," said Michael Bacera, sophomore in math, from California, who also is a regular performer at Open Mic Night. "I have learned guitar for six years. I learned to play guitar so that I can sing in front of people. In California, you can play in clubs, but Laie doesn't have them here."

Fidel Empalmado, sophomore in biology from the Philippines, said, "I think it's good. People can come to perform. It's chance to make friends. Instead of going elsewhere, people come here, share talents, and make friends."

The host of the activity, Keith Marcelino, sophomore major in organizational psychology, said, "The best part of it is when you see the artist on the stage, you know a lot about them from the song they chose. It's a good place to meet friends and form the band because the people

who play music come here and you also see their talents."

"We welcome any kinds of music, but what we usually see is alternative rock, and once in a while, heavy metal," he said.

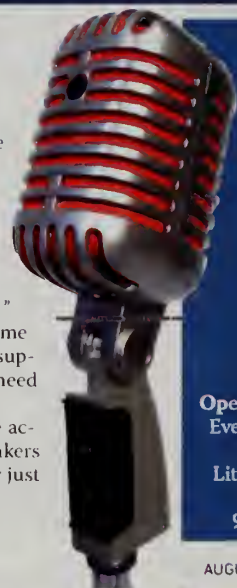
The Little Theater was almost full on the day of interview. "It's a success," said Marcelino. However, he said it was not easy at the beginning.

"At first I usually had to get the performers and do the posters all myself," said Marcelino. "Then, there are more performers and more audience and more people came to help."

Organizers provide a set of drums, amp (amplifier) and some wires, but Marcelino said he thought they still need further support. "We need the school to lend equipment to us. We also need money to buy new equipment," he said.

Talking about problems and possible improvement of the activity, Empalmado said, "Sometimes, the mic and the speakers and the light are not that great. Equipment is there, but they just haven't used it."

- Leona Tsang



Open Mic Night  
Every Tuesday  
in the  
Little Theater  
from  
9-11 p.m.



## Students grieve for those lost in Tongan disaster

**T**ongan students at BYU-Hawaii joined fellow Tongans throughout the world in grieving over the 93 passengers missing and feared dead after their ferry flipped and sank 55 miles northeast of the capital Nukualofa on Aug. 5.

Bistra 'Akau'ola, sophomore in political science from Tonga, said she cried when she first heard about the tragic event because she had friends and relatives involved.

Another student, Losaline Faka'osi, sophomore in exercise and sport science from Utah, whose aunt is among the 93 missing, said she was not worried when she first heard about her aunt being onboard the ill-fated vessel because she was a soldier in the Tongan Defense Force.

However, Faka'osi confidence turned into tears when news reached her that her aunt did not make it after she attempted to help those who were trapped.

Tonga, a closely knitted society with a total population of 120,000 consider this "a huge disaster, a huge loss," according to the Prime Minister Feleti Sevele.

"Everyone is absolutely shell-shocked. No one has been untouched by this," Tonga's Chief Justice Tony Ford told New Zealand's Stuff news Web site.

"My driver lost his neighbor, his neighbor's wife and their daughter, a woman from the court



ABOVE: The ferry Pulupaki arrives with survivors at Pangai on Tonga's Lifuka Island on Aug. 6, a day after another ferry capsized.

has lost two of her sisters. Everyone has been affected," he said.

The cause of the disaster was not known. Survivors described the ferry rocking violently from side to side and waves breaking the lower deck before it went under, though officials said weather conditions were mild.

The ferry was carrying cargo from Nukualofa to nearby islands with 149 on board, according to the Police Chief Inspector Sokopeti To'ia. Fifty-four were rescued and two bodies recovered, leaving 93 missing.

— Hemaloto Tatafu  
and the Associated Press

## New campus TV provider offers more channels, technology

**A**nyone on campus who likes to unwind by watching television may have noticed some changes to the campus television service recently. The Media Production Center on campus has been in the process of switching over from Oceanic Cable to DIRECTV.

Director of Instructional Media and Production Russell Merrill stated economic reasons for the switch. "The university is in the mode of saving money," said Merrill. "It's a sacred responsibility to manage the funds of the university."

For Laurelle Steele, junior in international cultural studies from Grants Pass, Ore., the switch didn't come as a surprise. "We're seeing it everywhere else," said Steele in regards to streamlining the budget. "Why not the TV too?"

Merrill noted that although it is less expensive for the university, DIRECTV also provides benefits beyond its price tag. "Satellite technology today is incredible," said Merrill. "With digital signals you can receive studio-quality video off of 2-to-3 foot dishes. It gives us better quality and more selection."

As a testament to that selection, the channel lineup provided has increased from 28 channels to 39 channels. The current channels were selected with input from students and administrators and approved by the President's Council.

Amy Lawson, a freshman in TESOL, has DIRECTV at her home in Reno, Nev., and will be able to continue to watch one of her favorite shows, "What Not to Wear," which airs on TLC — a station included in the current channel lineup. Unfortunately, she'll miss out on another of her favorites — "Project Runway," which is shown on Bravo.

Kendilyn Bullock, junior in art from Mesa, Ariz., said, "I'm just disappointed that they don't have HDTV. And they have like six ESPN channels, so I think they should have more balance."

Merrill said one of his goals is to have students more involved in the programming. "We are certainly open to suggestions," he said, saying they can replace current channels with different ones, depending upon demand.

DIRECTV is not the only change to be coming for campus television. Merrill hopes that in the future Internet Protocol Television [IPTV] will enable the Media Production Center to deliver all video and audio services on campus over the Internet. "Students will be able to pick up TV over their computers in their rooms," said Merrill, noting that with a few peripheral items (i.e. speakers and a projector) students "could have theater quality TV via an IPTV network."

"We're not going to get to that point for a while," added Merrill, but noted that one of the goals of campus television was to "provide some kind of rest and relaxation [for students] after a hard day of studying." In the meantime, DIRECTV will be the medium for BYUH television, and though the transition has been relatively smooth, there have been some issues in the early going. Merrill said approximately 90 percent of the calls they receive regarding television problems just require a switch on the television to be moved to cable and then the television autoprogram to be run.

Fitness Center attendant Ane Vea, senior in international business management from Hauula, said "I've noticed [DIRECTV] is always looking for a signal. People ask us to change the channel, but it's not something we can fix. It's just the TV."

Merrill maintains that the quality of DIRECTV is better and said, "If we couldn't have made the switch without improving quality or service, we wouldn't have done it." He added, "If any problems come up, it's not DIRECTV. It's the cable infrastructure of the university," noting factors like humidity and the integrity of the campus's wiring could affect the reception.

Windy Graham, freshman in elementary education from Honolulu, had a suggestion for the school's network: "It would probably be helpful if we got closed captioning on the TV's," noting that she knows of at least one deaf student at BYUH.

Feel free to e-mail questions or suggestions to: [scnlv@byuh.edu](mailto:scnlv@byuh.edu) or [mpcbyuh@gmail.com](mailto:mpcbyuh@gmail.com).

—Sam Akinaka

## PCC annual festival helps keep Maori culture alive in islands

**T**he close harmony and enchanting rhythms of Maori music, the skill of women twirling poi balls, the dexterity and coordination of the tititorea stick game, and the ferocity and energy of the men's haka dances filled the Polynesian Cultural Center's Hale Puai on Aug. 8 during the 2009 New Zealand annual Maori Whakataetae cultural competition.

This year's competition was exceptional but different, said organizers, because only two groups came to the festival making it not a competition but nevertheless a great occasion to see and learn about the Maori culture.

"It went well considering the fact that plans were changed because of the groups that pulled out. But overall it was successful and everyone enjoyed the day," said Rahira Makekahu, the Maori culture specialist and coordinator of the special event. Throughout the year the PCC has special events highlighting many of the Polynesian islands. Those already held this year were Hawaiian, Samoan and Tahiti.

The groups that participated performed in two sections. In the first section, groups performed the "Poi e" dance for four minutes done by five people. The Poi e is a dance that combines hand-eye coordination, percussion and rhythm in skillfully twirling both short and long Maori poi balls.



ABOVE: A young girl sings and dances along with her group.

They also danced the "Haka Hard" for another four minutes. The Haka Hard is the dance where dancers perform the fierce haka that ancient warriors used to pump up their fighting spirit.

In the second section, groups did the Moteate (chant) and the Whakawatea. The judges at the event were teachers and scholars of the culture who came all the way from New Zealand to be part of this occasion.

Robyn Hata, one of the judges, said, "It was a privilege to be part of this festival. It was wonderful to see our culture here in Hawaii and how strong it is particularly among the young ones. They had to learn the songs and the culture and the discipline that comes along with it. I am happy to see all that."

The judges evaluated the performers in terms of the various disciplines or aspects of the presentations and Hata said, "We look at how they appreciate what they are doing." Talking about who won from among the performers, she said, "They were all winners. At the end of the day, it was our culture that was the winner."

A youth group, Te Reo Oratahi Matatahi, lead by Mokonuiarangi and Leimoani Makekua and Makana Kane, were excited about its performance. Mokonuiarangi Makekua said, "We feel proud that we are doing things related to our culture. There is not much of our culture here so we feel like we have represented Maori culture with pride and dignity."

—Gloria Kajo



# then & now

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Freshmen



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Physical Plant



Roy Aumuo  
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John Olszowka

**25** years ago, it was 1984. Many of the students, staff and faculty of BYU-Hawaii are still here now. We know because we found the yearbook! If you want to see which faculty members and employees were here at that time, they looked in 1984 compared to today, check out then and now pictures at <http://kealakai.byuh.edu> - Mahalo!



Iggy B. Santeco



Vernelle Lokotani



ABOVE: The McKay Foyer as it looked several years ago. Twenty-five years ago Elliot Cameron, middle right, was the president of BYU-Hawaii while today the university's leader is President Wheelwright.



ABOVE: Today the McKay Foyer has some of the same features, such as the murals and unique floors, but the furniture has been updated in the school's color of crimson or red.





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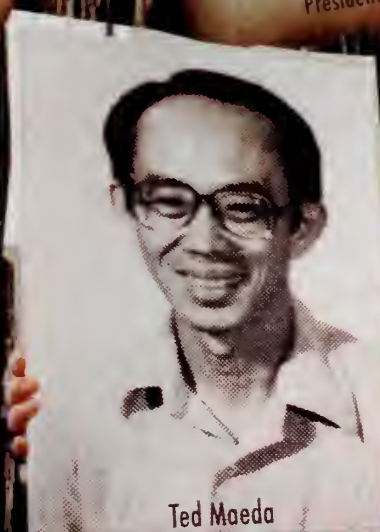
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Devotional message  
Power of Personal  
Righteousness

**A**s a BYU-Hawaii alumni and son of former President Erv B. Shumway, Aaron Shumway said he has strong ties to the university as his home during his devotional address on Aug. 11. His talk was a down-to-earth and genuine approach to the power of personal righteousness.

Shumway began his talk by extending an invitation to the people's hearts to choose to follow the Lord.

Shuniway began his talk by extending an invitation to have people's hearts change before having the devotional. He quoted a comment from an instructor at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah, 20 years ago: "If Church statistics are accurate, half of you in this room will be less active in the Church within 20 years." Over the years, he has come to understand the absolute need for himself and all of members of the LDS Church to continually strive to be personally righteous in response to Ahua's counsel, "If [w/r] have experienced a change of heart, and if [w/e] have felt to sing the song of redeeming love...ran [w/r] ferl so now?" (Ahua 5:26). Shuniway emphasized the development of a personal relationship with and addressed the audience with the following:

Shunway emphasized the development of personal righteousness and addressed the difference between personal righteousness and public righteousness, or how we should live the gospel when others are not watching. Shunway pointed out the importance and impact of personal righteousness to the progress of the Church and our surroundings. He illustrated this point with an example of a faithful sister in Timor named Maamkamo Vian. Vian suffered from a chronic illness, and if [we] have felt to sing the song of Shunway emphasized the development of personal righteousness and addressed the difference between personal righteousness and public righteousness, or how we should live the gospel when others are not watching. Shunway pointed out the importance and impact of personal righteousness to the progress of the Church and our surroundings. He illustrated this point with an example of a faithful sister in Timor named Maamkamo Vian. Vian suffered from a chronic illness, and if [we] have felt to sing the song of

Kimlei Akina, junior in DSC, is an example of a faithful sister in Tonga who suffered from Wbrr's Syndrome, a condition since early in her life that caused her left leg to swell to grossly abnormal proportions. Medically, all signs showed that she had zero chance of surviving, yet she lived because of miracles. Her unwavring faithfulness was seen by others and led people back to the church. Her personal commitment to the gospel was planted deep in her heart, which allowed her to stay true amid terrible physical trials.

Rio Uembaravi, sophomore in high school, said, "The devotionals made me really think about how I act, not just in public when you see me, but in my personal life and how I am progressing in life."

Shimway invited BYUH students to take themselves to living hell, not just in public when you see me, but in Rio Utemharavi, how I am progressing in life." Iji, said, "Being in school here is another trial and information science from because of the faith that we have, we should endure like Maqna."

Shinnway invited BYUH students to take a quiet moment and commit themselves to living more personally righteously. He counseled people to be wise in choosing entertainment media and technology and to communicate with prayer and daily scripture study.

Vaiaoga, junior in International

Vaiaoga, junior in International ageurui from Samoa, said, "The [school] related to us, is simple and clear. It is again if we are living righteously just want to be continue in school here."

- Rachel Au leong



**ABOVE:** Aaron Shumway came back on campus on Aug. 11 to be the devotional speaker. On the right is a picture of Aaron from 25 years ago when he was the teenage son of former BYUH President Eric Shumway.



# Envision Laie addresses community concerns over proposed growth



**ABOVE: President Steven C. Wheelwright will spend an hour with students on Aug. 20 discussing possible problems and solutions.**

## Talk to the president on Aug. 20

President Steven C. Wheelwright is scheduled to hold an open discussion called "Conversation with the President" next on Thursday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Aloha Center Mall. The event's facebook page said its purpose is to allow for "all students to have the chance to identify concerns here on campus and also to identify possible solutions with President Wheelwright."

James Sinkovic, BYUHSA vice president over the Student Advisory Council who is in charge of coordinating the event, said they do not want it to be like the president's usual question and answer session because they want to "get more interaction between President Wheelwright and students." This interaction, according to Sinkovic, will happen as students together with President Wheelwright identify not only problems but also solutions.

"This will allow for small issues that are usually pushed aside by more pressing issues to be handled," said Sinkovic.

Asked about the issues that will most likely come up, Sinkovic said the new class schedule is a major one, the issue of off-campus housing, campus security, and a new one is a hang out spot for students after curfew hours.

Sinkovic said this is a great opportunity for students because it will empower them to act on matters that mean the most to them.

To use this opportunity to the fullest, he advised students to submit issues they want to discuss at the event on the facebook page wall or talk to him at the BYUHSA office behind the ID desk in the Aloha Center.

-Hemaloto Tatafu

Crowded to overflowing, community members and representatives from the Department of Planning and Permitting, HRI, PCC, and BYU-Hawaii, including President Steven C. Wheelwright and Sister Margaret Wheelwright, packed into the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center in Punaluu on Aug. 6 for the Ko'olau Loa Sustainable Communities eighth Public Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting.

The Ko'olau Loa Sustainable Communities addresses the need for growth from Kaaawa to Kahuku. Lower median incomes and high housing costs have created a strain, and some people are concerned that will increase if the Envision Laie plans to expand the PCC and BYUH campus and increase enrollment to 4,000 are approved by the City Planning Commission.

The Aug. 6 meeting was held in order to see if the current draft of the Ko'olau Loa Sustainable Community Plan is satisfactory to the PAC, a committee of public and private citizens chosen to represent the community. Although, the draft does not yet include the revisions from Envision Laie, that's what the majority of attendees wanted to talk about.

The preliminary advisory document will go through at least five more drafts and will be voted upon before it's adopted, said officials at the meeting. The next redrafts will see the addition of Envision Laie, which could allow 1,200 housing units and other businesses to be built in Malaekahana through 2025.

According to a 20-page Envision Laie pamphlet, the proposal by BYUH, HRI and PCC "is a collaboration of residents and stakeholders of Laie, Kahuku, Hauula, and Ko'olau Loa to study the area and plan for its future possibilities." Envision Laie has taken a lot of effort in attempting to accommodate the many groups of Ko'olau Loa. But "the Envision Laie plan propose[s] not to count the body of the BYUH students," said Choon James, a member of the PAC and local Realtor.



**ABOVE: Community members met at the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, August 6, to discuss their concerns over the Ko'olau Loa Sustainable Community Plan.**

At the end of the meeting, community members were given a chance to speak even though public comments weren't officially on the agenda. Eight out of the 10 people who spoke voiced frustration or anger with Envision Laie. One of the speakers was Laie resident Dawn Wasson, who said, "You people are just as bad as the colonizers, come to take our lands. This is the spiritual massacre of our people, and we will fight you to the end."

The tactics for gathering data and opinions used by Envision Laie also came under scrutiny. Ken Fonoimoana, who was raised in Laie but currently resides in Kahuku, took part in the Envision Laie meetings when community members were invited to mark on maps where they would put new housing in the Ko'olau Loa region.

"Our facilitator was more or less telling us where we could and where we could not mark on the map; where [to] put certain types of housing. Behind BYU where the original housing was approved, they said we couldn't put anything over there. But he did point out Kahuku golf course and Kapaka farms and other undeveloped areas that are owned by private entities. He told us to [mark] over there. And they did. And

I know it happened at other tables, too."

"I don't have a problem with some of their proposals, but the process was under the table. You got to be straight up, and let people do their thing and not tell them what to do," said Fonoimoana.

When asked whether the questions raised in the meeting about the validity of the process of Envision Laie changed his viewpoint, President Wheelwright said no he thought the data that has been collected is valid. "We have very good statistical data. One of the reasons that we used several different approaches to gather data was because we knew different people would contest different processes," he said. "And so we're very comfortable that we have a very representative sample; it's statistically significant. And we're gonna keep going forward. But this is a process; this went exactly as I would have imagined it would go."

The survey data taken by Envision Laie is at [envisionlaie.com](http://envisionlaie.com) or President Wheelwright invited anyone to call HRI to get a printed copy. The advisory document will not be available for several months as it is redrafted, but will eventually be published on the Department of Planning and Permitting Website: [gis.hicentral.com](http://gis.hicentral.com).

-Jenna Chidester

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# La'ie Days Summer Bash

**A** summer bash that included live music, carnival rides and food was held as part of the annual celebration of La'ie Days at the La'ie Shopping Center on July 31. Pioneer Day, nicknamed Late Day, was a celebration of the first South Pacific group of 46 colonists who arrived in Iosepa, Utah, on Aug. 28, 1889, said Ipolani Thompson, a performer from Nani La'ie Sereaders (kupuna group of La'ie). Also, the LDS Church celebrates every July 24, Pioneer Day, to remember both the pioneers who crossed the United States plains in the mid-1800s up through today's modern day pioneers in the Church.

"Iosepa," meaning Joseph in Hawaiian and named for the first LDS Church Prophet Joseph Smith, and also former Church President Joseph F. Smith who went to the Hawaiian Islands as a missionary in 1854, is pronounced "I-vo-se-pa", according to Media Solutions of the University of Utah.

"We celebrate La'ie Day in the entire month of July every year," said Thompson. "Today, we celebrate it from here (the La'ie center) to Hukilau the whole day."

The Summer Bash at the La'ie Shopping Center officially started at 6:35 p.m. and went until 10 p.m. Mr. Da Braddahs was the master of ceremonies during the evening. Seven Hawaiian performances along with amusement park rides attracted more than 200 children and adults to share in the day. In honoring the pioneers and elderly, Nani La'ie Sereaders, a group of La'ie elders, performed on the stage.

"We are honored and excited to perform every year," said Thompson.

- Rachel A. Leong



Community members came out to the La'ie Shopping Center, not to shop, but to celebrate La'ie Days, an annual event helped to remember the pioneers and settlers of La'ie. Participants enjoyed live entertainment, inflatable obstacle courses, a museum, amusement rides, and even a rock climbing wall.



## Good teachers learn to be great teachers

**M**y love of learning and now seeing how learning makes a difference in the life of a student has captured my total attention," relates Onita Fineanganofa, a June 2009 graduate of BYU-Hawaii with a dual degree in elementary and special education.

"Now I have graduated, I am really excited; because ...I have the opportunity to go to Vava'u Island in Tonga where I will be able to teach science at the Saineha High School starting in August. This is an opportunity to return to my home country and be near my family again after being away for so many years. Teaching in the classroom is the fulfillment of a life-long dream of being in my own classroom and seeing how I can make a difference in the life of a student by being a great teacher."

Recalling what started her trek to becoming a teacher, Onita shared that while at home, she remembers the message all of my brothers and sisters and her were taught by her parents. "Do four things with your life. First, go to school. Second, go on a mission. Third, get married. And fourth, finish college and plan for the future."

She proudly proclaimed: "I have finished my mission and now finished college, and I'm now ready to move to my next goal...getting together with that special person ...to plan our future."

Talking about what helped her prepare to obtain her degree in education, Onita explains, "After serv-

ing in the Pennsylvania Pittsburgh Mission, I really learned to appreciate how important it is to become not just a good teacher, but to become a great teacher.

"My most challenging and growing experiences [in college] came from actually being in the classroom standing in front of the students .... It is wonderful to see the response of students." Onita said, "There is no greater reward that can compare as the countenance of a student widens with understanding and says...without even asking... 'Yes, I see... now I understand!' For me it is that moment that makes teaching rewarding."

Onita said her experiences as a student teacher at Castle High and at Kahuku Elementary School helped her to grow into becoming a more confident and effective teacher.

"I was able to teach science in the high school and also become involved with children in special education...Great teaching makes a difference about how students feel about themselves. It is extremely important for the teacher to give lots of love to each and every student. I saw students who did not do well in the class room, but they had other great talents. Part of the teaching challenge is to find what students are really good at and help them become excited about learning."



**ABOVE:** Onita Fineanganofa, left, works with a pupil during her student teaching here on the island. She graduated in June in elementary and special education and will be going home to Tonga to teach school there.

Onita concluded by commenting about her future goals in teaching. "If all goes as currently planned, and after several years of teaching, I want to return to school and work on getting a master's and then a doctorate. But I do want to remain flexible because, someday I want to be married, have a family and be the greatest teacher for my own children."

-Elder Michael Hogge

For the full story, go to [kealakai.byuh.edu](http://kealakai.byuh.edu)



# Seasider teams ready to rumble

**T**hree BYU-Hawaii sports teams will start their seasons at the end of August, kicking off what looks to be an exciting 2009-2010 sports year for the Seasideers.

The men's and women's soccer teams will face visiting squads from Upper Iowa on Aug. 27 in pre-regular season match ups, while Seasider women's volleyball will take on Montana State-Billings the following night in the Hawaii Invitational tournament to be held in Laie.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

The soccer women return as the Pacific West Conference champions and will have last season's assistant coach Carolyn Theurer at the reins this season. Theurer moved into the head coaching position during the off-season when former head coach William Mahoni was named director of Soccer Operations for BYUH.

Theurer said, "We have a lot of starters returning and some very talented freshmen. I think they're going to complement each other and, hopefully, improve upon last year's success."

All the key players will be returning for another run at a conference championship in 2009. Of the two Honorable mentions, two Second Team selections and four First Team selections from last year, three were freshmen and the remaining five just sophomores, including sophomore Player of the Year Natasha Aiono and sophomore Goalkeeper of the Year Becky Ploeger.

## MEN'S SOCCER

The men's soccer program hopes that new head coach Mike Akinaka will be able to turn things around following a disappointing 2008 campaign. Akinaka replaced Jeff Miller following Miller's departure from BYUH for Arizona.

"Many might look at this as a re-

building year, but I don't," said Akinaka. A former Seasider soccer player and the assistant coach from last year, Akinaka added, "I was a part of the recruiting this past year, so I know a lot about the new players as well as those that are returning. I expect to be at the top of the conference table by the end of the year."

## WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Seasider volleyball team looks to duplicate the success of last year's squad as they defend their PacWest champion title in 2009. The season starts with the Hawaii Invitational Tournament in which the Seasideers will play in three matches over two days against visiting teams Montana State-Billings, Adelphi (NY), and Cal State-East Bay.

The volleyball team had a stellar regular season in 2008, going undefeated in their first 12 conference games, clinching the PacWest Conference championship well before the end of the season. Though most of the team returns this year, the Seasideers will feel the loss of 2008 Player of the Year Lee-Ann Mapu and All-Conference First Team member Faylynn Merrick to graduation.

## CROSS COUNTRY

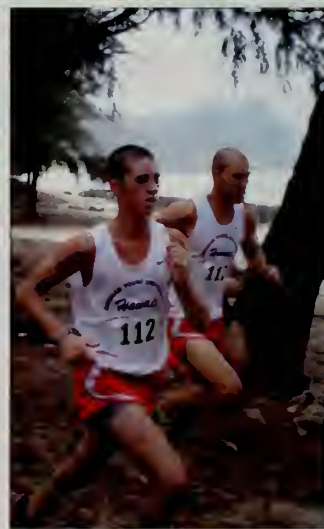
Also starting their season during First Term, the BYUH men's and women's cross-country teams will hit the course at the Hawaii Pacific Invitational on Sept. 5. The men are returning most of its squad from last year, including Brendan McMaster and Rivers Puzey, who battled back-and-forth for the position of top Seasider runner in 2008.

The women will look for someone to fill the shoes of last year's senior Amanda Whitford, who placed 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation and was named to the All-American team in her final season at BYUH.

— Sam Akinaka



**ABOVE:** Loalane Faka'osi takes on two UH-Hilo players during last year's season. Last year the Seasideers were the PacWest champs and went undefeated in their first 12 games. **BELOW LEFT:** Bryce Whiting, from Texas, shows some of the emotions players and fans go through during matches. The men's soccer team has a new coach this year, Mike Akinaka, who said he hopes with the players the team has recruited this year that the team will be at the top of the conference charts at the end of the season.



**ABOVE LEFT:** Margaret Sekona goes for the ball during a match last fall. **ABOVE:** The men's cross country team has most of the team returning while the women's team will be looking for someone to step up and fill the shoes of Amanda Whitford who graduated in June.



# Wood feels the crowd's roar since he can't hear it

**S**tudent and soccer enthusiast Chris Wood, was born deaf, but has never let that stop him from becoming good at what he loves doing most; soccer. He is currently part of the BYU-Hawaii men's soccer team where he is showing his talents and abilities.

Wood said he started playing soccer at the age of 2. His dad, who was a soccer coach for different clubs, coached him all through middle school until he was 14 years old.

"My dad noticed that I was good at kicking the ball and good in the field, so he wanted me to play more on the field. Because my dad was goal keeper, he taught me how to be a goal keeper. But he noticed that my passion was getting the balls in the goal so he encouraged me and that was how I started playing soccer."

Wood said his parents discovered he was deaf when he was just a year old. His mom kept on yelling at him but there was no response. The first visits to the doctor showed he was okay and he was just being a child. But six months later, Wood's mom took him to the doctor again as she observed him and noticed there was a problem. It was after the second visit that he was confirmed deaf.

From that time, Wood started learning sign language. In City of Orange, Calif., there were various deaf and hearing schools which Wood attended until he was in seventh grade. Wood's parent really wanted him to go to a regular school so he was transferred to a public mainstream school with all hearing students.

When asked if he views his inability to speak and hear as weaknesses, Wood said, "No, no, Not at all."

He said that when he was a little boy, he was very social and played with lots of friends. He said he used gestures and

actions to communicate with them. Then in middle and high school, Wood taught his friends some basics of sign language to enhance their communication.

How others behaved and treated him because of being deaf has never been a problem, he said. However there were a few difficult situations, one of which Wood shared. "I remember when I was 12, I was playing soccer for a team in a AYSL plus program in Orange County, Calif. When the referee called my name and I did not respond because I could not hear him, people around told him I was deaf. The referee said 'you are disabled you can't play. There are special leagues for those who have special needs.'"

The referee proceeded to tell the coach the same thing and his dad heard and was mad. His dad went up to the coach and explained that Chris was capable of playing and not just playing but playing very well. Wood was after wards allowed to play.

Jeff Wood, Chris's dad, said to him: "Go and play and kill the other team and prove to the referee that he is wrong." During the course of the game, Wood said, "I kept on getting the goals so that the referee had to eat his words. I was not disabled at that. So I know that deaf people can do many things if only they are determined."

## SOCIAL LIFE

Wood enjoys traveling with his family, which includes his two brothers, Halston, 14, and Rykei, 6. He also enjoys diving, wakeboarding, playing volleyball and playing soccer. Then smiling Wood added he likes hanging out with his girlfriend, Nicole Christensen. He met Nicole at a restaurant with a couple of

friends. They have been dating for more than two months now and she knows how to sign. "She is very sweet, and friendly. We have fun together and I am happy I met her," said Wood.

## MISSION

When Wood was 19 years old, he was at the peak of his soccer career playing NCAA soccer in California. Things were going good for him. But Wood kept thinking about his life and trying to decide if he wanted to go on a mission or continue his soccer career. Wood decided to pray about the issue but said he received no reply.

Then one morning while running, Wood came across a soccer field he played on throughout his childhood. "The Spirit said I should put soccer on hold and go serve a mission and go teach the gospel to those people that needed the gospel," he said. "It was there that I thought about my life. I had never felt the Spirit that strong in my life; I knew immediately that I needed to serve a mission."

Serving in the Arizona Tucson Mission, Wood was assigned to serve in a deaf branch. The deaf community in his mission was small so Wood spent most of his missionary days knocking on doors asking people if they knew anyone that was deaf and would love to hear their message. Wood said it was through this means and member referrals in the deaf branches that they were able to get people to teach and baptize. When talking about his mission, Wood, with a big smile, signed, "It is the best mission in the world. I am happy I served my mission. It changed my life."

## EDUCATION

After Wood graduated from high school, he attended California State University-Northridge for one semester and then transferred to California State University-Fullerton and spent two semesters there. After his mission, he applied to BYU in Provo because he heard they have a good soccer team, but he was not accepted. It was then he found out that BYUH also had a good soccer team.

## SPORTS



ABOVE: Chris Wood is a new member of BYU-Hawaii's men's soccer team. Born deaf, Wood's father coached him as a child and taught him how to play the sport he loves.

"Knowing about this, I just felt BYUH would be the best place to go to school and play soccer," he said. He said his mother had a dream and saw a place where there were flags hanging high in a circle. "So when my mom saw the flags of the BYUH campus on the Internet, we knew that this was the place for me," he said. Wood applied to BYUH, was accepted, and just a day after he got off his mission, he was able to practice for the coach here at BYUH. The coach offered him a scholarship.

"I feel good about being here. If I work hard, I feel I will be successful playing with the BYUH soccer team and that is what I hope for," said Wood. "My goal is to play my best here at BYUH so that fans can make noise so loud that I can feel it."

—Gloria Kajo

## BYUH student honored by USA Rugby program



RIGHT: BYUH student 'Ilaisia Tukuafu was awarded USA Rugby 2009 Honorable Mention.

**B**YU-Hawaii student 'Ilaisia Tukuafu, junior in international business management, was one of 30 players named USA Rugby 2009 Honorable Mention after he participated in the USA Rugby Collegiate All-Star Championship. These are the players that did not make it into the All-American Team but are still considered among the "best USA University rugby players," according to Matt Sherman, one of the coaches for the U.S. national team.

"'Ilaisia made some 'good physical impact on the game, which allowed him and his team to win the All-Star Championship," said Sherman.

The Collegiate All-Star Championship is a rugby tournament composed of eight teams from eight territories that govern rugby in the United States. Best players from each territory were selected to represent their respective territory during their performance throughout the 2009 collegiate rugby season.

Although BYU-Hawaii does not participate in collegiate rugby, Tukuafu was nominated by

Coach Sherman because of his performance in local rugby clubs. Since Hawaii is not part of any of the eight rugby territories, USA Rugby placed Tukuafu under the Southern California territory where he played together with teammates from San Diego State, University of Arizona and other universities.

According to Tukuafu, his talent and performance not only won him scholarship offers from mainland universities, but it also exposed the rugby talent we have here at BYU-Hawaii.

Tukuafu is a U.S. citizen but was raised in Tonga where he developed his rugby talent. He continued playing when he came to BYUH for the Laie North Shore Rugby Club. Tukuafu later moved to the Laie Rhinos Rugby Team, a team composed mostly of BYUH students, where he became team captain.

Through Tukuafu's leadership, the Rhinos took second place to an All-Star team from San Francisco in the Kemoe'atu Brothers Rugby Tournament, a highly anticipated tournament in the local community that took place a few weeks ago.

—Hemaloto Tatafu



# 10 Oahu day trips under \$10 ↗

**North Shore** – Looking for something intriguing and active to do like a walking maze? On Highway 99 between Haleiwa and Wahiawa is the Dole Plantation. It has reportedly the world's largest maze. Kama'aina discount is \$5, so bring your student ID. There's also a 2-mile train ride around the plantation that costs \$7 for kama'ainas and is free for kids under 4. Dole Plantation has a koi pond, gardens you can stroll through, outdoor places to eat, shopping and food vendors. It's famous for its Dole Whip, pineapple soft-served ice cream. Get it with bits of fresh pineapple on top... or not. It's about \$5 but two can share one big serving of the delicious, cool treat. On your way back to Laie, stop at Laniakea beach, also known as Turtle Beach, because it is a natural sanctuary of the endangered Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle or "honu." It's just a mile east of Haleiwa and is usually populated by at least one turtle sunning on the sand every afternoon or evening. You can't get within 5 feet of the turtles, but that's close enough to see the amazing animals and take great pictures of or with them.

**West Oahu** – Snorkeling at Kahe Point, nicknamed Electric Beach, is terrific with lots of fish, turtles and even spinner dolphins. It's called Electric Beach because an electric plant has two huge pipes where clean warm water flows into the ocean. At the openings of these pipes the water temperature is several degrees warmer than the surrounding ocean and that attracts lots of sea life. But stay away from the opening of the pipes themselves. Drive a few miles south to the Marriott Ko Olina resort and relax on the resort's beautiful beaches and park for free in the beach access parking lots. Afterwards, drive home via Pearl City and refuel on great siamain at Shiro's Saimin Haven where you can have siamain 60 different ways. It's at 98-020 Kamehameha Highway in Aiea/Pearl City area. Call Shiro's (808) 488-4834 anytime with your student ID. Go next door to Costco for dinner where you can have a huge hot dog and drink for under \$2, or a variety of other menu items all under \$5. The food is served outside the store so you don't need a membership to eat there. Check online to see if there's anything free happening in town that same evening like art shows, concerts, festivals, dances, poetry readings, etc. at [www.hawaiieventsonline.com](http://www.hawaiieventsonline.com)

**North Shore** – Spend part of your day snorkeling, swimming or even paddleboarding at Shark's Cove. Be sure to snorkel out to the right side of Shark's Cove because that's where you'll find turtles. Buy snacks at Foodland, and head up the steep Pupukea Road (the stop light before Waimea Bay) to Pu'u O Mahuka Heiau, "Hill of Escape," an ancient Hawaiian heiau above Waimea Beach. Turn at the sign on the right as you head up the hill and follow the one-lane road. You can hike around the heiau, but it's best not to leave cars unattended. Head back down and enjoy watching one of the beautiful North Shore sunsets. If you are still in the area, the restaurant Kava Roots has açai bowls and, sometimes, live music on the weekends.

**Kahuku** – Swim or snorkel at the Turtle Bay Resort at its beach north of Kahuku and park for free in the beach access parking. Just tell the parking attendant you are going to the beach. Then get some French fries, a dessert or a soft drink at Ola's restaurant, which is right there on the beach too. Enjoy luxury on a budget. The only catch is you have to order your meal from the \$1 menu.

**Laie** – Don't have a car and want to do something fun, innovative, and inexpensive close to BYU-Hawaii? Here's a simple thing to do. Take a nice tablecloth, dishes, silverware and glasses over to McDonald's along with some friends. Dress up in your finest clothes and have one of your friends take on the role of being your server for the night. Have them set out the tablecloth, take your orders and deliver them to you on the dishes.

**Windward / Kaneohe / Kailua** – Okay this isn't under \$10 but it is something cool that is FREE if it's your birthday. At Sea Life Park, which is between Waimanalo and Koko Head on Kamehameha Highway, you can have a FREE Dolphin Experience with paid admission to the park. The kama'aina rate is normally \$79 for the Dolphin Encounter. Kama'aina admission rates are \$21 for adults, \$14 for children ages 3-12, and children under 3 are free. Call ahead at 259-2500 to make reservations. Afterward, stop by Yogurt Mama in Kailua to top off your birthday by creating your own yogurt sundae. You select the flavors of ice cream you want to try and then add your own toppings. They weigh your creation and you pay according to how much you get. A bowl big enough to share is around \$8. Yogurt Mama is at 43 Oneawa St. about a block off of Kailua Road.

**Honolulu** – If you need new clothes but are on a student budget, ride the bus or drive into town to one or more of the second-hand clothing stores. You can find great deals and have a good time putting together one-of-a-kind looks at low prices. Set a budget of \$10 and have a friend find a new outfit for you while you find one for them. Wear the new-to-you outfits to lunch in Chinatown where you can have Thai noodles or Dim Sum that will fill you up but not break the bank. Or go to Aloha Tower and eat at the food court while enjoying views of Honolulu Harbor. Bring your camera and take pictures in your outfits in the historic settings of Chinatown, Aloha Tower and the harbor.

**Honolulu** – Want dinner and a movie for under \$10? Go to Dole Cannery theaters and see even the newest movies at the matinee price, \$8.25, or \$7.75 anytime with your student ID. Go next door to Costco for dinner where you can have a huge hot dog and drink for under \$2, or a variety of other menu items all under \$5. The food is served outside the store so you don't need a membership to eat there. Check online to see if there's anything free happening in town that same evening like art shows, concerts, festivals, dances, poetry readings, etc. at [www.hawaiieventsonline.com](http://www.hawaiieventsonline.com)

**Waikiki** – Here's an inexpensive way to hang out in Waikiki for a day. Go to the Honolulu Zoo where you can get in for the kama'aina and student rate of \$6. Children 3 and under are free with an adult. Park at Kapiolani Park for free. There are lots of places to eat in Waikiki in all different price ranges. A tip for eating in more expensive restaurants at a low price: Buy a salad or a dessert and enjoy eating at a fancy restaurant without paying the big, fancy fee. Another tip is to talk with friends and find out which restaurants serve large portions – then share a meal and pay half the price. Every night as the sun goes down the Sheraton Waikiki has a free local music and/or dance show out by its pool. You can lounge by the pool and see various local artists and groups perform. Call 922-4422 for an updated list of performers. If you are in Waikiki on Saturday, Aug. 29, Sunset on the Beach includes free live entertainment followed by a movie shown on a gigantic screen on the beach. It starts around 7 p.m. on Queens Beach, which is not far from the zoo.

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"Filipino Dishes in Chinatown."

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A person is surfing on a wave, with a tropical beach and palm trees in the background. The surfer is in the foreground, riding the wave, and the background shows a sandy beach with palm trees under a blue sky.

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*Singer Jack Johnson and David Keala, director of Food Services at BYUH, pause for a photo outside the cafeteria before food was served at a food awareness event on Sept. 5. Photo by Jukka Kakkonen*

## EATING GOOD, EATING LOCAL

### Food Services, SIFE work to promote safety

People from all walks of life enjoyed the "Time for Lunch" awareness campaign on the lawn area outside BYU-Hawaii cafeteria on Sept. 5. The event was a joint effort between SIFE, BYU-Hawaii Food Services and other community organizations as part of a

"Be more active in politics, because it does influence the food that is available in the stores."

national movement trying to "draw attention to The Child Nutritional Act" and "to bring awareness to healthier school lunches," as stated by Natalie McKincey, who was running the event.

The Child Nutritional Act is a federal law that governs the National School

Lunch Program that sets the standard for the food more than 30 million children eat every school day." The program is reviewed every five years so that the necessary changes could be made to ensure that "quality, healthy, safe meals are provided to children every school day," according to the Child Nutrition Association Website.

The current program will expire on Sept. 30, and "Time for Lunch" is a call for parents to contact their congressional delegates and ask them to include four changes into the new act. One change is to increase the "federal school lunch reimbursement by \$1/child/day," protecting youth "against junk food that puts [them] at risk." It also includes funding "farm to school and school garden programs through grants" and encourages "incentives to buy local."

BYU-Hawaii Assistant to the President Bill Neal and his wife, Dianna, popular North Shore singer Jack Johnson, and Rep-

resentative Michael Magaoay to the Hawaii Legislature for the 46<sup>th</sup> District, were among the crowd of about 65 that were present at "Time for Lunch."

Snacks and treats provided by local producers kicked off the event, alongside educational displays and other activities. After two hours of mingling, the group moved to the McKay Auditorium where the movie "Food Inc." was shown.

Clark Cannon, freshman from Bountiful, Utah, said the movie contains "lots of insights, which is kind of shocking." Laura, a teacher at Sunset Beach Elementary School, said, along the same lines, that the movie was "very informative, [and it's] kind of frightening that we do not know anything about our food." Others, however, felt the movie was only propaganda with a hidden political agenda to undermine capitalism by pointing out its faults and weaknesses with the hope to bring about socialism.

The event wrapped up with a panel discussion between five of the local food producers here on Oahu, who emphasized the need for everyone to be more active in politics because it does influence the food that is available in the stores.



*Juicy watermelon, one of the organic foods that is available locally*



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## I-WORK

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY HAWAII INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AID

Mike Wynes, a senior in accounting from Calgary, Alberta, Canada, had expectations to take full advantage of I-WORK, the successor-program of IWES. "I was there at the meeting when they first unveiled I-WORK at the end of March," he said. "I asked whether all international students [covered by the program] included Canadians, and Rebecca Harrison said yes."

However, despite promptly turning in an application for I-WORK within two days after the meeting, a response wasn't forthcoming until months afterwards, he said.

Even after the application deadline of July 1, Wynes had to wait for an additional six weeks to hear the results of his application, he said. "Finally they said, 'Canada is not included, so your application is denied.'"

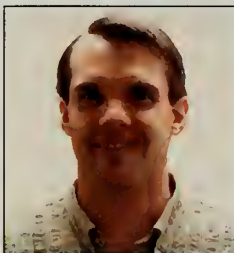
Brian Blum, director of Financial Services, explained the reasoning behind Canada's exclusion from the program. "The I-WORK Program was designed with specific target regions in mind - Polynesia and the Far East - with very limited slots for other regions. We were given the money from the church and we must use the money as instructed. Its purpose is to assist those students who will be returning to countries where it would be hard to pay off loans." For this reason the region of the Pacific Rim, in which Canada and the United States are located, is excluded from the program, he said. But BYU Provo and BYU Idaho do offer more chances at programs like I-Work for North Americans, Blum said.

## NEW ON CAMPUS



DR. RAND BLIMES, POLITICAL SCIENCE:

Blimes, who grew up in Ohio, received his undergraduate degree at the University of Michigan, and his master's and doctoral degrees at the University of Colorado. He taught for one year at BYU in Provo while he was writing his doctoral dissertation.



DR. BOYD TIMOTHY, PSYCHOLOGY:

Timothy grew up in Rexburg, Idaho, where his father was a professor in psychology at BYU-Idaho. He received his associate's degree in art from BYU-Idaho, his bachelor's degree in psychology from BYU in Provo and his doctoral degree from Clark University in Massachusetts.



DR. MICHAEL GRIFFITHS, DEVELOPMENT OF ONLINE CURRICULUM (DOC):

Griffiths, born and raised in England, joined the LDS Church when he was 19 years of age, he said. Two years later he served a mission in France where he met his wife, Corrine. In 2002, he said, they felt inspired to move with their three children to pursue his education at BYU in Provo. After seven years of arduous work (and two more children) he earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.



DR. AARON CURTIS, COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEM (CIS):

After finishing his undergraduate work and master's program at BYU in Provo, Aaron Curtis left with his wife, Molly, and three children for Indiana University, where he completed his doctoral Studies. They had two more children born in Indiana, and a daughter born here since they moved to Laie in June.



DR. KALI FERMANTEZ, HAWAIIAN STUDIES:

Born and raised in Hauula, Kali Fermantez comes home to teach in the Hawaiian Studies Department at his alma mater BYUH. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge acquired as he earned his master's degree at BYU in Provo, and doctorate degree at University of Hawaii at Manoa.

PHOTO: KAREN HE MANAWA



# 4 NEW COURSES

## A new semester brings new classes to BYUH students

Four new business related classes available this semester expand the options for aspiring entrepreneurs and business students.

Cary Wasden, teacher of the BUSM 375 Corporate Finance class, explained why some of these classes were created. "This last spring, tracks (or an emphasis in a certain subject) were formed in the business school. Before, business was a general degree and it was harder to find a job. These classes are meant to give students more direction they're meant to be practical."

Craig Earnshaw, teacher of ENTR 383, pointed out that they will teach how to create simplified business plans.

Learning the nuts and bolts of small business is the focus of the ENTR 383 Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management class, Earnshaw explained. With personal experiences of small business management, he will teach the necessary skills to establishing a high-revenue small

business that will meet the expectations of its customers.

In business, customers are key, and Wailana Kamaau is here to teach students how to focus on the client using the ENTR 390 Consumer Driven Sales class. "You have to focus on the client instead of pushing products," said Kamaau. "It's about having a conversation to find out what the customer wants... we'll teach you how to make a compelling marketing story."

No business or self-styled entrepreneur would be well off without the knowledge of financial investment that Andrew Holmes has to offer with his BUSM 410 Investments class. "What we'll be looking at is not about buying conveyer belts, mechanical parts, and the like. It's going to be about buying stocks and bonds," Holmes said. The subject material, though time consuming and heavy with math, is a staple of business schools.



Textbooks pile up as students sign up for classes

## Remembering Pacific scholar Ron Crocombe

Ron Crocombe, a renowned scholar from the Cook Islands known for his contributions to Pacific Studies, died this past summer.

The influence of the University of the South Pacific emeritus professor of Pacific Studies reaches wherever the subject of the Pacific is seriously studied. Even here at BYU-Hawaii, where he never taught in

person, Crocombe's impact on students is very real through his writings. Professor Jon Jonassen, department chair of Political Science here at BYU-Hawaii, and a former student of Crocombe, said he "uses many of Ron's books in his classes."

According to the Cook Islands News, Crocombe has "authored and co-authored over 40 books and hundreds of articles in journals worldwide."

One of his famous books is "Asia in the Pacific Islands: Replacing the West," where Crocombe argues that China's growing

interest in the Pacific is eminent and will result in the second Cold War because of the U.S.'s similar interest in the region.

An important part of Crocombe legacy, according to Jonassen, is his "push for Pacific Islanders to write their own stories." This happened through the Institute of Pacific Studies, an institution of the University of the South Pacific founded by Crocombe, whose mission was "the promotion of Pacific island writing." Thanks to Crocombe, this institution has published the work of 1,700 Pacific Islanders.



## Academic advisors create centers to better serve students

BYU-Hawaii introduces a change in the academic advisory system this fall with the creation of three new advisory centers open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. These centers are open to all students, regardless of their major, and do not require any appointments to receive academic guidance.

"The main reason for the new centers is so that we [advisors] will be available to students more readily," said Marilee Ching, academic advisor manager and advisor in the College of Human Development majors. "It will be a big advantage to the students."

"We will be available to students more readily."  
- Marilee Ching

The new centers are located in the College of Human Development majors (SEB 106), Colleges of Language, Culture & Arts and Math & Sciences majors (MCK 173) and the College of Business, Computing, and Government majors (GCB 143).

"I think students will be really happy," said Jessica Larson, senior in social work from Spokane, Wash. "I hope students are made aware of this change so they can use it. I will use it."

The three centers have advisors cross-trained in different majors so that students at anytime can see whichever advisor desired without having to wait in line

or make their schedules match up with the advisors.

"Students are welcome to see a certain advisor if they have a preference, but if they do not want to wait they can see another advisor from one of the centers who will have access to their MAP and files," said Ching. "The advisors will have a file on each individual student, so they can pull up the student's background and provide academic assistance."

"I think that it is definitely a great idea," said Erika Dick, senior in ICS from Dayton, Iowa. "I have definitely waited in line or gone two weeks to an advisor because my class and work schedule did not match

up with my advisor's schedule. So, it will be great to have someone else to go to."

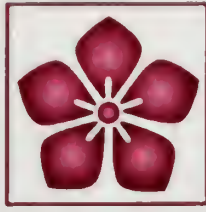
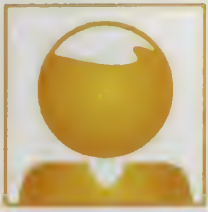
According to Ching, the new advisory system will include a total of nine advisors: Marilee Ching and Martha Christensen (SEB 106), Karen Miller, Betty Nikora and Patrice Winstead (MCK 173), Hi'I Campbell, Charity Fonoimoana and Susan Wesley (GCB 143) and Jodi Chowen (Career Center). At least one advisor will be present in each center during the day.

"I think that this is a fantastic idea," said Larson. "Being able to have a back-up plan and having someone you are able to turn to, to talk to, is incredible."

AMANDA HANSEN







# NEED IDEAS?

Leadership Summit  
aims to help students plan  
futures, inspire great ideas

Imagine everyone at BYU Hawaii bringing their ideas together to seriously consider what they will do with their futures. That is what this fall's Leadership Summit Great Ideas Exchange conference aims to accomplish. The BYUH Center for International Entrepreneurship invites all students from every major to benefit from the event, which will take place from Nov. 5 to Nov. 6.

According to the Website for the event, <http://leadership.byuh.edu>, the Great Ideas Exchange theme "focuses on developing students' personal leadership skills and accelerating their 'thinking' process for the future."

The conference, planned by and for students, and in cooperation with the Willes Center for International Entrepreneurship, has five main objectives:

To get students to...

1. Think about their future.
2. Participate.
3. Mingle with the special guests.
4. Feel involved.
5. Unify the school in an idea and moment in time.

Brother James Ritchie, director of the BYUH Center for International Entrepreneurship, said, "It's for everybody on campus. The 'Great Idea' conference will get everyone to stop for a day and say, 'How are we going to use what we do now in the

future?' Ask yourself, 'Am I taking the kind of courses that I need to do what I want to do in the future?'

"This is the first time ever that the conference will get every student involved," said Ritchie.

All students from all colleges and majors are encouraged to participate in the conference by sharing their 'Great Idea' and how it relates to their chosen discipline.

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"This conference is  
going to be life changing."  
- James Ritchie

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Student ideas will be presented both verbal two minute presentations and in writing to panels of judges who will give feedback and coaching on the ideas. The top Great Ideas from each college will be recognized in an awards ceremony at the end of the conference. Students can also sign up for one-on-one coaching sessions with experienced professionals, matched to them by their interests.

Keynote speakers include Bill Child, chairman of R.C. Willey and the subject of the recently released book "How to Build a Business Warren Buffett Would Buy," and Mitch Davis, writer, producer, and director.

## IWORK continuation

I WORK assists international students from the Pacific Rim to get an education at BYU Hawaii while they work, primarily at the Polynesian Cultural Center. It works as both a grant and a forgivable loan, meaning that if students follow their contracts, and go back to their native countries, after four years they will have no student debt. If they decide to stay in the United States or any other area out of the target areas, they will be obligated to pay back half the amount they receive from the program. Wynes had hoped to use the benefits of I WORK to help him gain an education while supporting his family of three. Blum also emphasized that there are still opportunities for Canadians and other international students alike to obtain financial aid. "Although we can't offer Canadians [and other students] I-WORK, we'd love for them to come in and see what we can help them with. We'd love to steer them in the right direction for scholarships. We'd love to help them get a job. If in the case that a spouse can't work, [they should] talk to the International Student Office. They help students get proper documents to work."

In addition to the Perpetual Education Fund and scholarships, the Wilkinson Fund is another possible source of financial aid for students. BYUH is still gathering information on the Wilkinson Fund, Blum said.

To improve the quality of help available to students at the Financial Services desk, he said, student workers were recently replaced by full-time financial aid counselors.



## BIG WAVES ARE BACK

Aloha! The fall 'set' has finally rolled in, filled with both new and returning students, most of which have a desire to jump into the surf scene and learn how to ride on these beautiful North Shore waves. So how does one get started? Who can teach you?

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"Find a friend who knows how to surf and ask them to give you lessons."

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These are just a couple questions that have been asked up to those who are 'in the know.' Our very own BYUH student body, as well as some Laie locals, have answered their questions.

Jeff Geddes, a new student from Seattle majoring in international business management, asked, "What do I need and what is the best way to get it?"

Bilge, a recent graduate from Mongolia, answered, "The cheapest way is to go through a roommate, craigslist, a friend,

or even a friend of a friend who has a long board and ask them if you can borrow or buy it." You can also call Bilge at this number to get cheap used boards: (808)-392-9077.

Taylor Davis, a new freshman, asked, "Where do I go? Where is a good beach to learn at?" Nate 'Hemi' Hembree from Utah responded, "The best place, locally, to practice how to surf is definitely over at Castles Beach." This beach is located at the Malaekahana Campgrounds past the entrance to Gunstock Ranch. You should try the waves out from the campground's surf shacks.

Many students asked, "Are lessons available?" There are many answers, but the right one depends on your timeframe and the size of your pocket book. Here are three:

Option 1: Go FREE! Find a friend who knows how to surf and ask them to give you lessons. You can try to share one board. This way you have a teacher right in the water with you, who can help correct and encourage you.

*Andy Pierce, senior from San Diego, Calif., majoring in EXS, surfs a wave mid-afternoon at Turtle Bay Resort*







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STAND UP! YOU'RE  
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WORLD."  
- BLAKE BAXTER

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Option 2: Take a CLASS! Take the class that is offered right at BYUH every Spring Term, as well as First Term and sometimes Fall Semester.

Option 3: Hire a PRO! Another great option is to take lessons from professionals like Beach Boy Hale Surf Company, in Waikiki, where one student can get a lesson for \$45. Another great place in the heart of surf culture is Sunset Suzy's, located in the historic surf town of Haleiwa, where a group of six or more can get a lesson for \$65 each.

So now you have an understanding of what you need, but let's get down to getting in surf shape!

Beginning surfers will want to make sure they are comfortable swimming for a while. This way, you can actually breathe easy and enjoy learning how to surf. Practice "popping up" or standing on your board.

Jacob Roemer, a visitor from Switzerland, said that "before you even get in [the water], you need to watch the surf and see where the [wave] break is and if the waves are crashing or breaking outside [out farther] or inside [in closer]. Surfers also need to see if there is anyone else out." That way there are fewer accidents and run-ins. So, where is this right place at the right time? Blake Baxter, junior in business from

San Diego, Calif., explained: "You want to position yourself [in the water] so you can make it out to where the waves are breaking by going out and around [the break]," by going over smaller waves and duck-diving [scooping the front of the board down into] the bigger ones. That way, you will get to the area right before the wave break so you can paddle into the breaking waves.

"Make sure you're not in anyone's way. Turn in and, as the wave approaches, paddle hard to gain speed. Also, stay evenly balanced on the board, both front-to-back and left-to-right. Keep in mind not to let the tip of the board dip into the water or you may flip and eat sand or, even worse, reef! As soon as the wave begins to carry you, stand up! You're now gliding across the ocean and on top of the world. Take in every second. Surf's up!"

Those who have done hours of endless paddling and had plenty of crashes have said you need to prepare yourself mentally and physically. Surfing has a learning curve, just like anything else you can learn. YOU CAN learn it, so always stay positive. It helps to bring a friend along for safety, as well as encouragement. Mahalo and go grab your board!

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*Andy Pierce hops out of the white water while surfing at Turtle Bay Resort. Photo by Nathan Williams*







Manase Satini poses inside ANZ Bank in Tonga where he did his internship this summer. Photo by Manase Satini

## INTERESTING INTERNSHIPS

Students gain education through experience

College students seek to have fun in college life, especially during summer break. Every summer, junior and senior students choose to spend their summer in a fun and meaningful internship. Examples of “play hard, work hard and study hard” can always be found amongst the interns each year.

Theone A. Taala, experiential education program manager at BYU-H career services, stated that the purpose of having

students go on internships is to help them become more competitive. Likewise, it is a great channel into companies that they want to work for in the future.

“In my internship, I realized there is more to learn and everything that I have learned in school can apply to my internship. I really want to do a foreign exchange, that’s how our country earns a lot of income. When I was at the bank I learned that there

are more ways to do a foreign exchange, and it affects everybody not just America. I wish I knew a lot more about economics- that everything that affects America, affects other countries,” said Manase L. Satini, senior in International Business Studies with an internship at the ANZ Bank in Tonga. “It is really interesting to learn about money supply and... bank reserves.”

“I really enjoy working for JW Marriott in Korea. I learned most about people skills and building good relationships with others as a future leader,” said Woosung Son, a senior in hospitality and tourism management from Korea.

Son mentioned that there are two things he found interesting in his internship: first, the privilege to attend full time employees’ trainings as an intern. Second, participating in sight inspections, or opportunities to visit other hotels and learn about their operation systems. Son said that by never being late to work and by asking questions frequently to learn made him stand out from other interns- he found his internship to be more enjoyable and interesting by doing so.

## Off-Campus Housing Council

At the monthly Off-Campus Housing Council meeting, landlords along with students and BYUH housing, address concerns and seek to find solutions. Not only does BYU-Hawaii housing manage on-campus housing, but they also strive to ensure that off-campus contract housing is available and suitable for students. “The Council has been around for two years now,” said John Kloepfel, BYU-Hawaii Off-Campus Housing Coordinator. “Any one is

invited to come and voice concerns or give suggestions.”

At the past OCHC meeting, Marcy Paddock, owner and landlady of several houses in Laie and Hauula, brought up concerns about the new school schedule and switching over from month-to-month rent to term or semester rates. Students looking for housing also came to the meeting in hopes to find some leads for places to live.

For students looking for housing, Kloepfel said, “Check the website and come in and see me. We are usually successful and finding students housing. They may not get exactly what they want if they procrastinate

but we can find them something.”

Kloepfel gave advice for students living off-campus, “Students are encouraged to read and understand the contract before signing. Many students come to me upset with a rule or policy that the landlord has and I ask ‘did you read the contract before you signed it?’ Several students had their parents do it or signed without reading in through.”

The next OCHC meeting will be held on Wed, Sept. 23rd at 6 p.m. in the TVA Family LLRC room in the Housing Building.





# FIRE DANCE HEATS UP NIGHT SHOW



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Fireknife dancing is much more than a performance to David Galeai. He is a Polynesian Cultural Center Samoan fireknife dancer and teacher who said fireknife is a family traditional, gift from his mother, a way of doing god's work and an important experience in life.

Samoan fireknife dancing ('ailao afi) was an ancient art done with a hand-held wooden weapon, according to the PCC's Website, which sometimes had boar tusks or shark teeth attached to them or sharp "teeth"

carved into them. The weapon is called nifo oti or "deadly tooth." Eventually the wooden club was combined with another Samoan weapon, the lave or hook, which was used to snare various body parts of an enemy. Today modern-day dancers soak a plain cotton towel in white gasoline, naphtha or lighter fluid, then wire it to the fireknife blade and then set it on fire.

There are no prescribed costumes for fireknife dancers, other than the lavalava or a wrap-around piece of cloth that partici-

pants tie up and tuck in like a swimming suit, so no ends hang out that could snag or hamper the twirling of the nifo oti. In addition, dancers may wear other cultural decorations like flowers or shell headbands. Shredded leaves are also tied around the lower legs, and sometimes the waist and arms, to accentuate the fireknife dance movements, says the PCC information.

David Galeai said he started learning fireknife when he was 6 years old and was taught by his mother, Uai FaAmaligi,

*PCC fire knife dancer performs at the annual spring fire knife competition Photo by Ryon Bogley Story continues on page 14*



## Fireknife continuation

who was an instructor of the Samoan section in the night show at PCC. He has over 24 years of fireknife experience now.

"It (fireknife) is part of family tradition," Galeai said. "I learned fireknife from my mother and my uncle is a great fire knife dancer. He is also the founder of the Fire Knife Competition."

Recalling his own early experience learning how to twirl the flaming fireknife, Galeai said, "Different people have different obstacles. The hardest thing for me was added fire to it. I practice without fire first. I have to overcome the fear of getting burned." He said when he became better at it, he was less likely to get burned. However, he also

said, "If you want to be a fireknife dancer, you have to be willing to get burned. It's a part of the process. You have to be focus all the time."

Talking about his performance history, Galeai said, "I have danced at PCC

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"You start and learn  
and meet obstacles."  
- David Galeai

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all my life. I have danced there since I was young, but I didn't get serious about fireknife until I joined the fireknife competition in 1997." Galeai said he thinks the fireknife competition held each year at the PCC is a really good thing. "The competition brings fireknife dancers [from all around the world] together. It helps expose our culture to the

world. I am proud to see people [from other cultures] join the competition and come to embrace our culture."

Galeai said he and his brother are now teaching fireknife dancers for the new night show "Ha, The breath of life" at PCC. He said it is not hard to teach if people are willing to learn.

When talking about where he got the inspiration for the dance, he said, "I get the inspiration from god. If you ask, god will reveal it to you."

"Fire knife is almost like itself. You start and learn and meet obstacles. You get hurt alone the way. It's just like life. You keep getting hurt and overcome obstacles, but when you do, you grow strong. When you stand on the stage and perform, the people think you do so much to become that good."

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## INTRAMURALS

### Iosepa Challenge Events

**September 22 - 23 Tennis (Co-ed)**

**September 29 - October 8th Dodge Ball (Co-ed)**

**October 14 - 15 Free Throw Shooting Contest (Men/Women's)**

**October 27/Tue - 29/Thu. Badminton Singles (Men/Women's)**

**November 3 - 19 Volleyball (Co-ed)**

**November 14 & 21 Kickball (Co-ed)**

**November 23 - 24 Racquetball Singles (Men/Women's)**

**December 1 - 10 Inner Tube Water Polo (Co-ed)**



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Seaside Seaside runners compete in a meet this fall.  
Photos by Ryan Bagley

## RUNNING & WINNING

Good team efforts help Seaside win Xcountry meets

A strong team effort by the BYU Hawaii men's and women's cross country teams helped them snatch the top spots in the UH Big Wave Invitational on Sept. 19. The women edged out UH-Manoa, 38 points to 40, while the men totaled 35 points to beat Hawaii Pacific University's 40-point score.

Lacey Krout led the Seaside women over the 4K course with a time of 15:42 to finish fourth overall. Lacey Kurtz was the fifth and final scoring Seaside to finish – grabbing 11<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 16:10 – just 28 seconds behind Krout. Katie Buxton took sixth, Danielle Anderson eighth and Allison Shamrell finished in ninth to round out the scoring for the Seaside.

Krout, a sophomore in business management from Preston, Idaho, was pleased with how BYUH performed as a team. "We ran really, really well," she said, noting that UH-Manoa is an NCAA Division 1 squad. "We learned that our pack makes a big difference. Working together as a team and not running for our own personal times is what helped us win," she added.

The men's 5K race was a near-carbon copy of the women's, with BYUH placing five runners in the top nine, also separated by just 28 seconds.

Brendan McMaster led the Seaside with a second place overall finish in a time of 16:44. He was followed by Spencer DeAvilla in fifth, Matthew Gulden in sixth and Luke Graesser in eighth. Brandon Krout, Lacey Krout's husband, finished in ninth with a time of 17:12. Brandon Krout, a junior in biology from Vancouver, Wash., praised McMaster while noting that it was a team effort that secured the win. "It's really good knowing that you have someone up front," he said. "It's nice because what sets us apart is having a good backend of 3, 4, and 5 runners. Knowing that he's going to finish in the top three or so, we know that we can always have a chance to win because our 3, 4, and 5 will do their jobs."

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

Pre-season favorites to repeat as Pacific West Conference Champions, the BYU Hawaii women's soccer team eliminated any lingering doubts with a 9-0 dismantling of a visiting Chaminade squad in the PacWest opener for both schools.

Despite putting up 19 shots in the opening period of the Sept. 19 game, the Seaside were only able to find the back of the net twice for a 2-0 lead at halftime. The domination continued in the second half as BYUH peppered the Chaminade defense with 20 more shots, converting seven for goals. The visiting Silverswords struggled to mount any sort of attack and were held without a single shot for the entire game. With the win, BYUH improved to 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the PacWest, tied atop the leaderboard with three other teams.



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## Read, write, cough: Don't come to school

Let's have a show of hands: How many of you have gone to class when you have suspected that you may be contagious? It might help if I tell you my hand is up too.

This is understandable considering most students can't afford to miss a single class of their already-nauseating course load. It may also help to mention the somewhat counter-productive doctor's notes that are often required for an excused absence. The intention may be to discourage students from "playing hookey" but if the price that healthy students pay for this policy is the coughing student sitting next to them in class, the now-pandemic H1N1 virus in universities across the U.S. may soon force us to reconsider.

As schools around the islands of Hawaii are reopening, health authorities are bracing for a major spike in swine flu. The regular flu season is approaching and health groups believe the novel H1N1 virus – along with the usual seasonal viruses – will cause an unprecedented amount of sickness, hospital stays and deaths this year.

The beautiful, utopian campus of BYU-Hawaii is unfortunately an ideal

### Keep universities of Hawaii H1N1-free.

breeding ground for these types of viruses. Not only do the high levels of stress make



*Rachel Leavitt, majoring in music from British Columbia, Canada, walks through a group of students wearing a mask to prevent sickness on campus. Photo by Nathan Williams*

our hardworking university students more susceptible, but the crowded, and – let's face it – occasionally unsanitary conditions give any virus the perfect chance to spread.

According to the American College Health Association, more than half of the colleges and universities tracking H1N1 cases in the U.S. are reporting infected students, with more than 1,600 new cases within the first week of classes this September. Unlike the seasonal flu, which tends to strike the elderly, the swine flu is mostly affecting the population between the ages of 5 and 24. The virus causes relatively mild illness in most of those infected, but because it is new, most people have no immunity against it.

Hawaii remains one of only five other states monitored by the ACHA with no H1N1 cases confirmed in their universities, and the state continues to fight the virus by monitoring sick travelers and encouraging schools like BYUH to development proce-

dures for a potential flu outbreak.

To supplement the efforts of the state of Hawaii, let's change our behavior this fall and approach the flu season early this October with our own personal preventative efforts. Cough into your arm, wash your

### Stay home if you are sick.

hands often, see a doctor if you are unsure, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Let's no longer consider it admirable to force yourself out of bed to attend class with a box of Kleenex. Let's consider it our patriotic duty to keep the universities of Hawaii H1N1-free, and our personal duty to our school and the other students on campus to **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK.**

-Nathan Williams



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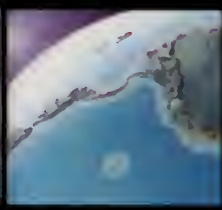
## Floods in Manila

Tropical Storm Ondoy brought 16.7 inches of rain in the span of 12 hours to the Philippines Sept. 26 and created a flood that left a scene of sorrow and devastation affecting BYU-Hawaii students' family and friends.



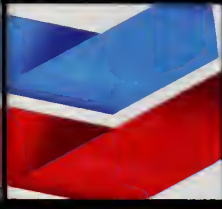
## Elder Woodhouse

"Never sacrifice your integrity," was the message from the former president of LDS Business College for seventeen years at the talk presented by BYUH Management Society about business ethics.



## World Population reaches 7 billion

The world population is estimated to reach 7 billion by 2011, just 12 years after increasing to 6 billion in 1999. Most of the population growths are presumed to be found in developing countries.



## Chevron

Due to renovations, the Chevron station in Laie will be closed for a week from Sept. 28 until Oct. 5.



## Freshman Academy

A campus program - Student Development 101 - will help new students transition to academic, social, cultural and religious life at BYUH.

## Flood Continuation

The death toll has reached 240, and that number is expected to increase as people are unaccounted for after the storm.

With nearly 2 million Filipinos affected by the storm, many Filipinos abroad are left to wonder if their own loved ones are safe. "Of course [I'm] worried," says Larry Chua, an IT major from Tarlac, Philippines. "A lot of my family is from the area where the storm was. I'm just happy...they're all right."

Many others tell a much sadder story. Dondie Rellora, a BYUH graduate in accounting/IBM from Cavite, Philippines, said, "Our close friend, BJ Balota [BYUH alumnus], informed us that they got flooded and they were not able to save their things. They just started their own family when they were married last June and now they need to start all over again."

Filipino Club President Medel Hernandez, senior in IT from Angeles City, Philippines, said, "A lot of people are affected by the calamity and so we want to help our fellowmen in our own little way...whatever amount we will raise will surely be a big help to the people who are suffering right now."

Anyone who would like to donate their time or means to help out the victims of Ondoy can contact the BYUH Filipino Club directly at [pinoyabyuh@gmail.com](mailto:pinoyabyuh@gmail.com). Donations are also being accepted through the Philippine National Red Cross at <http://redcross.org.ph>.

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# —HONOR CODE— JEOPARDY

Police: \$1,000 fine  
for not wearing seat

Honolulu Police Department Officer Iona had a glass case full of illegal drugs in the Aloha Center mall. Some were native to Hawaii and others common to regions abroad. This display was to help students identify drugs so they won't mistake them for something benign. "We are aware that many of the students are not from Hawaii so we are trying to bring awareness and show students what to look for," said Officer Iona of the regional narcotics department.

On Monday, Sept. 21, officers from all divisions of the police department set up several displays in the Aloha Center to educate students on safety and potential hazards in the islands.

A police motorcycle was set up in the Aloha Center as the display for the traffic control department. Officer Stibbard said a problem in Laie is adults and children do not wear seat belts.

"The biggest problem among BYU-Hawaii students is that they own motorcycles and cars and do not have them insured. There is a fine of \$1,000 for the first offense," said Stibbard.

A display was also set up for CrimeSpotters, which is a program put on by the police department to provide an anonymous way to report crime. Students and community residents can call their number, (808) 955 CRIME, to report any information regarding stolen property, illegal activities, the arrest of a wanted person, or solving open cases.

CrimeSpotters will pay up to \$1,000 for valid information.

## Game show helps students learn the Honor Code

Jeopardy came to Laie on Sept. 23 when BYUHSA rounded up students from all classes to participate in a special version of the popular game show titled: Honor Code Jeopardy. Although Alex Trebek was unable to attend, spectators and participants were graced by the presence of a few of our own campus super stars, who helped organize the event, including Juan Gomez and Emily Ginn of BYUHSA, David Lucero, director of Student Leadership and Honor, and more.

Before the game began, Gomez, a junior in accounting from Guayaquil Ecuador, said the purpose of the activity was to "remind students of the BYU-Hawaii Honor Code, both freshman and seniors."

At 2 p.m., Aloha Center room 155 came to life as the participating students divided themselves into four teams. A representative from each went to the front and commandeered a hand-held buzzer for one question. A player then selected a question from one of six categories; academic honesty, men's dress code, women's dress code, bishop's endorsement, housing, and miscellaneous. The crowd was

entertained as they watched their colleagues of different classes scramble to push their buzzers and answer the questions before their opponents.

Questions ranged in difficulty from 100 to 500 points, and students said they were impressed by how knowledgeable the freshmen were about their new dress and grooming standards. Some of them were able to defeat juniors and seniors on a few of the 500 pointers. It was a great learning experience for all who were in attendance, as they discovered new and exciting points about the university's standards of living and conduct, students said. One standard that was new to many, was that couples are to avoid public displays of affection (or PDA's) that could come across as offensive to a third party.

Danilo Lommatzsch of BYUHSA pointed out that "some of the students, even some upper classmen, didn't know the answers to certain questions, but that was the purpose of the activity, to give us all a good refresher." Winners were awarded BYUHSA T-shirts, gift certificates to the Seaside, and candy bars, and all were treated to free hot dogs.



# GENERAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BYU-Hawaii TV will show four sessions  
of October General Conference live

Saturday, October 3 @ 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 4 @ 6 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Olelo TV will show four sessions  
tape delay IHST on channel 52 & 49

Saturday, October 3 @ 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 4 @ 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

General Relief Society Meeting (rebroadcast)

Sunday, October 4 @ 7:00 p.m.

Cannon Activity Center

Priesthood Session (rebroadcast)

Sunday, October 4 @ 7:00 p.m.

BYUH Stake Center



*The First Presidency along with other General Authorities will be speaking at General Conference this weekend*

## Smoot saving for commuters on The Boat

As of Sept. 17, 'TheBoat,' Honolulu's new commuter service, was opened for public use. City managers began this new system in hopes of clearing 400 cars off the streets during rush hour.

"I'm excited for this because it means I won't be sitting in traffic so long and I get home faster after work," said Brooke Lebeauf, a Marine's wife based in Kaneohe with her husband.

The boats will sail from Kalaeloa to Aloha Tower Marketplace in the morning, and vice versa in the afternoon.

Rebecca Dickson, sophomore in international culture studies from California, said, "Although TheBus is a last resort, it has been my only reliable source of transportation at the moment. I am glad that TheBoat is opening up."

TheBoat tickets will be compatible with 'TheBus' tickets, allowing two free transfers per \$2 purchase of tickets. For residents living in town, this will hopefully be

a positive force in helping reduce traffic, both for those using the system and those who are not.

Meanwhile, for the students of BYUH, TheBoat has excited ideas for inexpensive dates. Even though he owns a car, Phillip Andrus, junior in international cultural studies from Oregon, said, "I think that it's hard to find an adventurous date in town without it being expensive, so it probably is something that will be fun and worthwhile."

Further information can be found at [www.trytheboat.com](http://www.trytheboat.com).



# SHOCKING LOSS OF A FRIEND

A friend, Gunter, 33, passed away in a tragic car accident

On the morning of Friday, Sept. 18, Amanda Jean Gunter, former employee of BYU-Hawaii and beloved wife of alumnus Levin Gunter, passed away from injuries resulting from a tragic automobile accident outside Charleston, South Carolina. Her husband, Levin, was also seriously injured in the incident, but he is expected to recover and has been released from the hospital. Their 1-year-old daughter, Ansley, suffered only minor injuries.

Amanda had been employed as a supervisor in BYUH's Science Department while Levin completed his degree in psychology. The family had relocated to their home state of South Carolina after Levin graduated this past December.

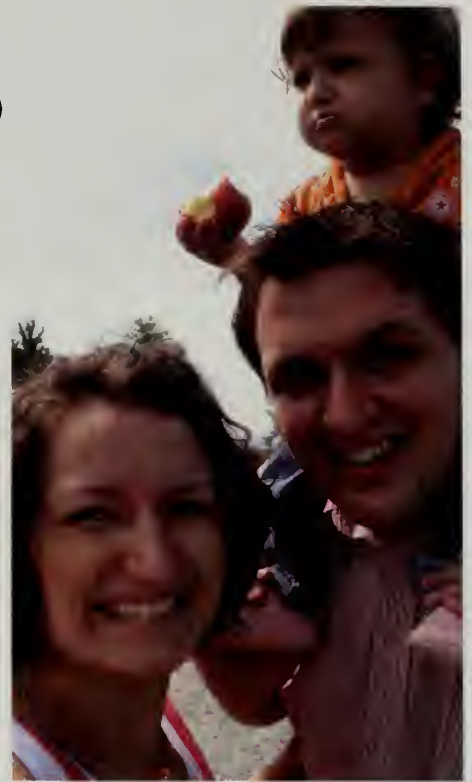
The shocking news of Amanda's passing has caused her Facebook page to become a sort of makeshift memorial where friends and family have been posting their thoughts and feelings about her. She is being described by those who knew and loved her as — among other qualities — kind, happy, beautiful, loving, and an exemplary wife, mother, sister, daughter and friend.

Michael Gunter, Levin's brother

and a student on campus, had some further insights to offer on Amanda's personality and character. He described her as being a close sister, even though she and Levin had only been married for three years. "It hurts me to think about those affected by the loss," said Michael, "especially Levin. I didn't think it was her time to go and felt that she still had a lot left to do, but that is not my call." He stated that Amanda was a very understanding person, a good listener, and that he had never heard her say an unkind thing. He added that she fit into the Gunter family "no problem, she just belonged."

Levin and Amanda were also active participants in BYUH's Pep Band, playing trumpet and horn respectively. Janelle Parker, senior from Utah majoring in vocal studies, reflected on a memory she had of Amanda that occurred during a basketball game. "I remember sitting listening to the pep band play and getting to hold little Ansley. Amanda wanted to talk all about my wedding and we got to talk about Ansley and how big she was getting. She was always very easy to talk to and very sweet."

Funeral services for Amanda Jean



*Amanda Gunter with her husband Levin and their daughter Ansley Photo courtesy of the Gunter family*

Wagner Gunter were held this past Thursday, Sept. 24, in South Carolina. A donations fund has been set up on behalf of the Gunter and Wagner families. The fund can be accessed by searching for "The Amanda Jean Gunter Fund" on Facebook.

A memorial service was held last Saturday, Sept. 26, for friends and family living in Laie at the BYUH Stake Center.

## Ohana Video Closes

Ohana Video, a local video rental store specializing in edited videos, is closing its doors. Since the news spread last week that the store was closing, students and community members alike have been making stopping by to buy videos and DVDs that the store is selling at discounted prices. Prices were ranging from \$1 for VHS up to \$5 for new and unused DVDs.

Despite the bargain deals, many people are not happy to see Ohana Video shut down. "[Ohana Video] was really Laie's only

source of a good variety of movies," said Maiko Ligaliga, a political science major from Samoa. "They have their reasons for closing, but it's just a shame that it has to happen that way."

The end of the sale of movies on Wednesday, Sept. 30, was scheduled to coincide with the store's last day. With the close of Ohana Video, the only places remaining in Laie to rent movies from are the Redbox rental kiosks, two of which are located in Foodland and another kiosk in the Aloha Center.

Go online to [kealakoi.byuh.edu](http://kealakoi.byuh.edu) for further information







Erica Brock, senior in film from Iowa, takes a break while reading one of her favorite books. Photo by Nathan Williams

## 'THE ROAD'

Novel by Cormac McCarthy. The Road follows a father and son traveling to America's coast in a post-apocalyptic world. It offers an abstract account of the pair's desperate foraging for nourishment and other necessities of survival.

"How would you know if you were the last man on Earth? He said. I don't guess you would know it. You'd just be it." Cormac McCarthy's novel, "The Road," follows a father and son traveling to America's coast in a post-apocalyptic world. It offers an abstract account of the pair's desperate foraging for nourishment and other necessities of survival.

McCarthy's language is achingly poetic, stripped to truth without flourish. The father knows only one thing — he must keep his son alive. Rather than the father parading through the disaster like a hero, the book offers an honest account. The father has to deny other survivors food to ensure his son enough; he must strip layers of clothing off corpses so they can stay warm.

Similar to their physical contest to stay alive, the father and son also strain to keep memories intact as they walk farther from home and lean further in time away

from the way things were. The father says, "You forget what you want to remember, and you remember what you want to forget."

"The Road" is a haunting narrative of bleak subject matter written with savage beauty. McCarthy offers neither comfort nor optimism to his readers, and when recounted outside of his words, the story is toughened and unsentimental. Through McCarthy's stunning incantation, however, one finds

"The Road" is a haunting narrative of a bleak subject matter."

wisdom in the father's care for his son and hope in the most dismal of circumstances. As the father tells his son, "Where you've nothing else, make ceremonies out of the air and breathe upon them."

## Special version of campus film 'A New Moonlight Kiss'

A special director's cut of "A Moonlight Kiss," entitled "A New Moonlight Kiss," showed on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 18 and 19, in the McKay Auditorium.

"A New Moonlight Kiss" was filmed during Spring and Summer Terms after the original film "A Moonlight Kiss," debuted in April and left audiences wanting to know what happened to the main characters played by BYUH student Neal Manutai and alum Ashley Tyson. The movie in a romantic comedy thriller featuring a vampire storyline.

Also shown was "Sitting Pretty," which was made a few years ago by the Focus Film Club and starred students Jamie Taylor and Jennifer Campbell. To see photos and trailers for the campus-made movies, go to: *A Moonlight Kiss* - <http://w2.byuh.edu/clubs/focusfilm/moonlight/moonlightmainpage.html> - or *Sitting Pretty* - <http://w2.byuh.edu/clubs/focusfilm/sittingpretty.html>





# DON'T let the BED BUGS BITE



Bedbug infestations are a continual problem both here in Hawaii and around the world.

"We see cases of bedbugs a couple times a week, both on and off campus," said Lena Tyau, a nurse at the Health Center.

Bedbugs live in both the seams of and in the crisscross stitching of mattresses. They are visible by pulling down on the edge of the cording.

"Bedbugs seems more prevalent now than previous semesters," said John Elkington, the director of Housing. "When you have a concentrated number of people transitioning through one place, you will always have bedbugs. The key is to keep the infestations to a minimum."





Former BYUH dorm Phil Anderson hides in his bed under the covers, but if he has bed bugs his bed is not the place to hide. Photo by Ryan Bagley

To help prevent bedbugs, Housing is looking into purchasing seamless mattress covers for all on-campus housing. This effort is not yet finalized as they are still negotiating the cost.

Elkington said that if they can get the covers cheap enough, they hope to supply them by winter semester. If not, they will have them available for students to purchase at an additional cost.

Housing has already gotten rid of some of the bedding with bed bugs. All of the Hales except for Hale One and TVA have mattresses on a single flat plywood base. Housing used to supply a bed frame, box frame, and a mattress, but these additional pieces of bedding had more places for bed bugs to live and hibernate.

Amanda Heath, a sophomore in pre-nursing from Larkspur, Colorado, and a resident assistant of Hale Three, said she learned about bedbugs at the RA orientation. Maintenance brought in a jar filled with

bedbugs from a TVA mattress.


"I thought they'd be smaller but you can see them just by looking at the bed lining," Heath said.

All of the RA offices are supplied with Steri-Fab, which is a chemical spray targeted at bedbugs and their eggs.


Adam Hai, the TVA coordinator, explained how to use this spray to get rid of bedbugs. "Bed bugs eggs hatch every seven days," said Hai.

To get rid of the bedbugs and their eggs, spray the mattress with Steri-Fab once a week, on the same day each week for three weeks, and let it dry in the sun, Hai said. Wash and dry all bedding and clothing on the hottest settings.


To treat bedbug bites, Nurse Tyau said to place cool compresses or cold washcloths over the bites. Benadryl and Loratadine can be used to reverse allergic reactions.




Bed bugs usually feed at night or whenever the light is dim.



Blood smears on sheets, walls, pillows, and other light-colored surfaces are indicative of bedbug presence.



Females lay about 200 eggs, usually around three or four a day.



Victims of repeated bedbug bites can develop allergic reactions to their saliva.

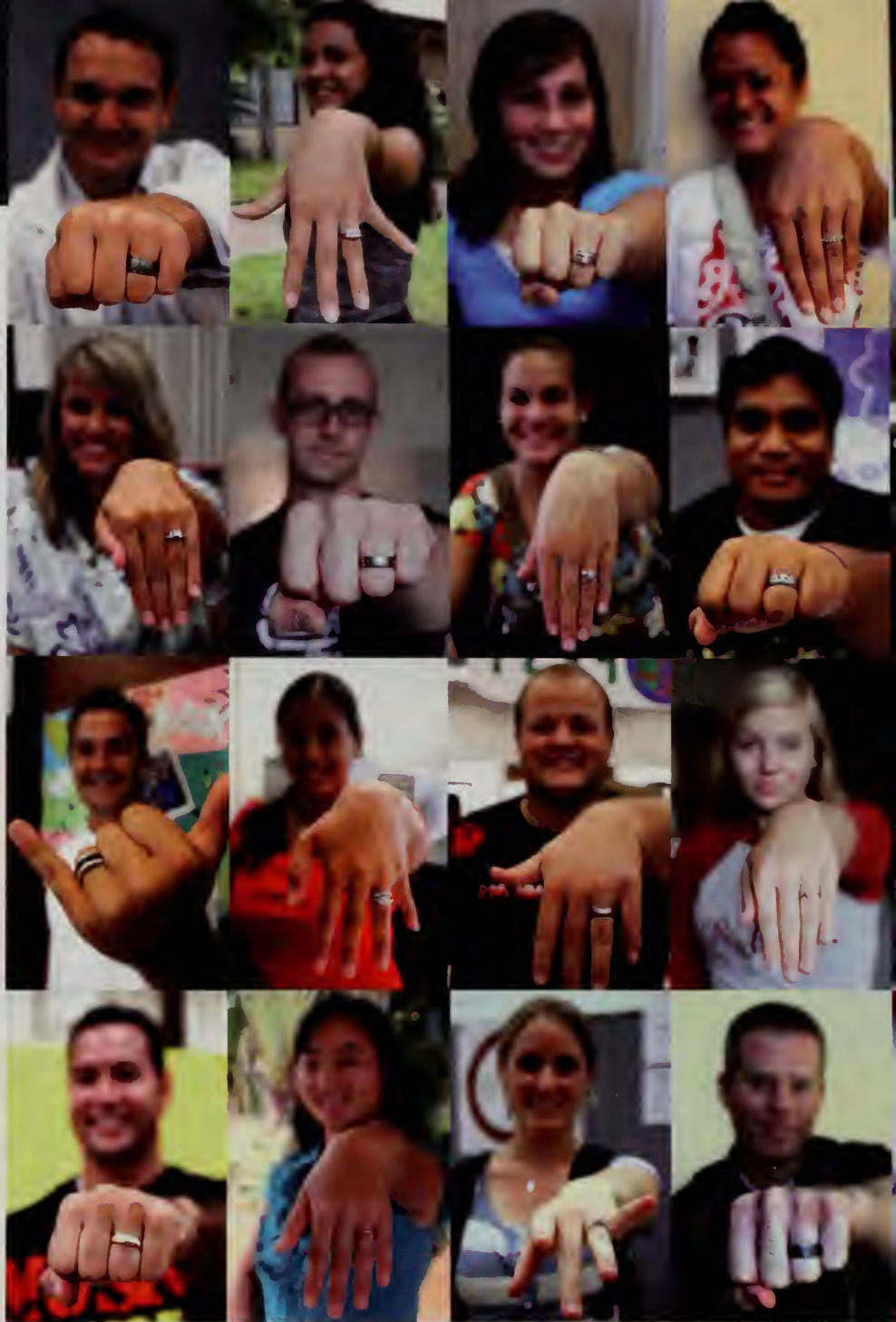


Reduce clutter to limit bedbug hiding spots.



## Community

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WHERE'S  
THE RING?





Marriage is an important right of passage in every culture, but what exactly is the point of wearing a wedding ring? In Hawaii those who are married wear a flower behind their left ear, during the late 1800s Japanese women painted their teeth black when they were married, but most western cultures wear a ring to show that they are married. The wedding ring can be traced to the ancient Egyptians and is still prevalent today.

Kevin Myers wants his future wife to wear a wedding ring as soon as they are engaged. He believes that "she should wear it because I will have spent so much money on it." Even though he is not engaged or married, he is not looking forward to wearing a ring. He would buy a ring because of what it meant for his future wife. When asked if he wanted to wear a ring, he simply said, "I don't want to wear one because I don't like

*Married and engaged students from BYU-Hawaii showcase their wedding rings. Photo by Aissa Mitten*





Rings also have a prominent place because they are a symbol of affection.” Many people in India wear rings, and the wedding ring is extremely important to Indian culture.

Meg Thomander said she and her husband wear their wedding rings because “it symbolizes the commitment that we made to each other.” The only time that she does not wear her ring is when she is taking care of her child because it is “pokey and could hurt the baby.” Even though the ring can hinder her daily activities, Thomander said she does all that she can to honor her commitment to her husband by wearing her wedding ring.

If one does not wear a ring does it mean that they are in danger of infidelity? Not necessarily. There are many people who do not wear their wedding rings even though they do honor and love their spouse. In some cases, people say the rings do not fit anymore and so they are unable to wear them. Some said rings often are removed because of an active lifestyle.

The general public agrees that wearing a wedding ring is symbolic of a commitment made to their spouse and to God. There is a long history of the ring’s importance to any culture or society. Whether it is a ring, a headpiece, etc., the symbolism and commitment is important rather than the actual object. It is really up to the couple whether they want to say “I do” or “I don’t want to wear a ring.”

SUZANNE TUTTLE

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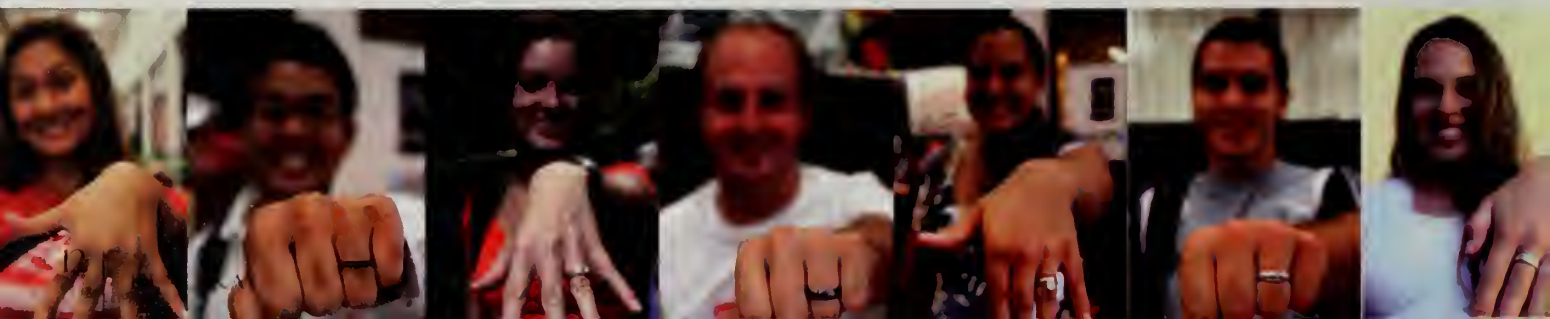
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wearing jewelry.” He said would only wear the ring for special occasions because he thinks that the ring would get in the way of his daily activities.

There are many possible reasons that people wear rings. According to [www.weddingringorigins.com](http://www.weddingringorigins.com), it was not until the year 860 that rings were used in marriage ceremonies. For centuries the ring has been a representative of unification between man and wife. The circular shape is generally accepted as a symbol of eternity because there is no definite beginning or end. Also the ring is representative of the devotion and sacrifice that it took to afford the ring, since rings are generally very expensive. Most people take pride on the size and quality of their ring.

Vijay Patha explained their significance in India, saying, “rings are very symbolic and combine two people together.





## SAMOA EARTHQUAKE

Triggered by a massive Pacific Ocean earthquake, a tsunami struck Samoa early Tuesday morning, leaving at least 63 people dead, according to an Associated Press report. Both Western Samoa and American Samoa were affected. Searches are still being conducted in affected, so officials report that the number of deaths may rise.

The incident has had a direct affect on the BYU-Hawaii community. A tsunami warning was issued for Hawaii Tuesday morning, but was later retracted. Having a large and active Samoan community, many in Laie and surrounding areas were understandably concerned about the safety of loved ones and friends living in Samoa. Beautiful Mata'afa, a student at Kahuku High School, stated, "I was scared because I have aunties living in Samoa, and I heard that in Upolu, where [the tsunami] hit, people had to run into caves." Fortunately, it turned out the Mata'afa's family members were safe. Describing a situation that occurred to a friend with family in Samoa, BYUH alumnus Erika Marler reported, "Just after devotional, when an announcement was made about the tsunami, [my friend's] family called to let her know that they were okay, but had been evacuated from their home."

According to the Associated Press, an earthquake with a magnitude between 8.0 and 8.3 caused the towering tsunami waves that swept ashore on Western and American Samoa, flooding and flattening villages, killing dozens and leaving many others missing or homeless. Many were forced to evacuate, seeking higher ground, where they remained huddled for several hours after the quake struck early Tuesday.

Jerica Tafiti, a sophomore majoring in English from Laie, has Samoan family that as of Tuesday night she has not heard from. "I'm kind of worried," she said, "because my auntie is a Facebook camper and she hasn't been on today. I'm also worried about my grandma."

-DUSTIN RICE  
PHOTO BY AP

*Tsunami hits Samoa after a 8.3 magnitude earthquake  
on Tuesday Sept 29 Photos by AP*





## Women's soccer falls to Vulcans

The BYU-Hawaii women's soccer team bounced back from a tough home loss early in the week with a win at UH-Hilo on Saturday, September 26 to improve to 2-1 in the Pacific West Conference.

The Seasideers suffered their first loss of the season, 2-1, to Hawaii Pacific on Monday, September 21. "I feel like our team came out strong in the first half," said Natasha Aiono, junior from South Jordan, Utah, "We had a lot of chances and opportunities on goal and just couldn't quite get them in."

HPU struck first, scoring early in the first half, but Brenna Rhoades brought BYUH even with a goal just minutes later. The Seasideers weren't able to find the back of the net again, however, and a second half goal by HPU accounted for the final score.

The Seasideers followed up with a 2-1 victory over the Vulcans of UH-Hilo over the weekend. Emily Mearns scored her fifth and sixth goals of the season within seconds of each other and the defense held on for the win.

Following a diving header in which Mearns beat the keeper to the near post, the duo of Mearns and Margaret Sekona forced a quick turnover on the ensuing kick-off. "Margaret and I put pressure on their defense and

Margaret deflected a pass right to my feet" said Mearns. When no defenders stepped to her, Mearns took a quick dribble and drilled a shot to the left of a diving Vulcan goal-keeper.

Head Coach Carolyn Theurer said, "this was a big win for us. It was exactly the way we wanted to enter our five-game road trip." Theurer called Mearns first score as "one of the most amazing goals I have ever seen," and praised the defensive play of keeper Becky Ploeger and Kami Strait, as well as the strong midfield presence of Aiono.

"It was a very fun game to coach," said Theurer, who is in her first year as head coach of BYUH. "We need to keep this same intensity throughout our next few games and we will be successful."

The women will play five games in ten days.

-SAM AKINAKA

## INTRAMURALS

### Iosepa Challenge Events

- September 29 - October 8th Dodge Ball(Co-ed)**
- October 14 - 15 Free Throw Shooting Contest (Men/Women's)**
- October 27/Tue - 29/Thu Badminton Singles (Men/Women's)**
- November 3 - 19 Volleyball (Co-ed)**
- November 14 & 21 Kickball (Co-ed)**
- November 23 - 24 Racquetball Singles (Men/Women's)**
- December 1 - 10 Inner Tube Water Polo (Co-ed)**



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Emily Mearns dribbles down the field during a match this semester. She is averaging more than a goal a game. Photo by Ryan Bagley

## Team captain Mearns scores

Emily Mearns scored six goals the last five games and is leading the BYU Hawaii women's soccer team to another successful season. The junior from San Ramon, Calif., majoring in instructional design development has been having a great season so far and is hoping to help the team to another conference title or better.

"Every year we go one step further," said Mearns. "Two years ago we won the conference but didn't win the bid for the NCAA tournament, last year we won the conference and lost at the first tournament game. This year our goal is to win the conference and the first NCAA tournament game."

Mearns is the captain of the team and is showing her tremendous ability in scoring, averaging more than a goal per game. In the most recent game at UH Hilo, Mearns scored two goals to give her team a 2-1 win and confirmed once again her outstanding ability to put the ball in the back of the net.

"My personal goal is to keep scoring goals and help my teammates get better," said Mearns. That goal is evident in every game by the way she fights for every ball and in how she sets up her teammates. Her appearance on the field inspires everybody around her.

"I look up to her because she gives everyone confidence and she is a great leader," said Natalie Cude, sophomore from Sandy, Utah majoring in international business management.

Mearns hopes that her soccer career won't end after her senior year. She has dreams of playing professionally in the Women's Professional Soccer league. "I hope I can have in the future an op-

portunity to play professionally and I will try my best for that," she said.

Mearns is arguably the best player in the conference and if she keeps improving her soccer skills the Women's Professional Soccer league is a possibility for the star forward.

—JIKTER BETHAN



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## Staying safe in Laie

After an enjoyable afternoon tanning and playing at Hukilau Beach, it's dark and you're ready to return to your on-campus dorm. You and your friends want something sweet so you decide to head down to McDonald's for vanilla ice cream on the way back. Chatting, you walk along the side of Kamehameha Highway, happy to live in such a paradise. Cars zoom by and you squint whenever a headlight flashes in your eyes. Suddenly a screech comes from ahead and your nostrils fill with the smell of burning rubber. Before you even have time to move, a truck operated by a drunk driver comes veering your way.

Although this scenario is only one of many possible situations where your safety could be at risk here in Laie, it's not an uncommon one.

In 2006, nearly 40 percent of all fatalities from car accidents on Oahu were caused by drunk drivers. "We want to let students know that, although they are in paradise and we hope that they have a good time while they are here, they should be wise and cautious," said Debbie Hippolite Wright, VP for Student Development and Services.

Around 700 students currently enrolled at BYUH are new or have just transferred here, and they are not yet familiar with the area.

"They could run into problems if they are not careful," Hippolite Wright said.

Roy Yamamoto, director of campus Safety and Security, said although security truck patrols of Laie at night,

it is still not safe for students to walk home alone.

"Go in a small group, try to stay in lighted areas, and avoid shortcuts," Yamamoto said. "If you get in trouble while taking a shortcut, we might not hear you because you're too far away."

Both Hippolite Wright and Yamamoto suggested that if you are riding a bicycle past dark, have reflectors on your wheels and wear bright clothing if possible. Also avoid jogging behind the school where drug abusers and other dangers might lurk.

"It's a wonderful place, but there are dangers," said Hippolite Wright.

"You must be aware of everything, from blue bubbles at the beach to drunks on Kamehameha Highway, which is actually one of the most dangerous roads in the nation.

It's not a country road," she said.

Katherine Beaver, a junior in English from Hauula, said, "Kamehameha Highway is a little scary. I rode my bike on it once and felt like I was going to die." Beaver, originally from Laie, said though she felt uneasy on the highway, she does not feel scared while in town. But, according to Yamamoto and Hippolite-Wright, the fact that Laie is filled with members of the LDS Church does not mean that students should be carefree about safety.

"We understand that students have their concerns, but we have our concerns also. We are only asking the students to be wise. They should rely on the Spirit for help," Hippolite Wright said.

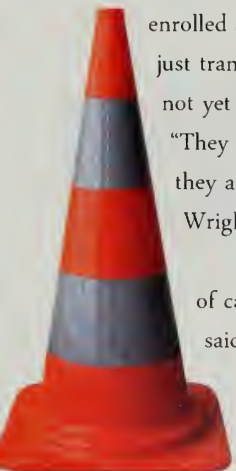
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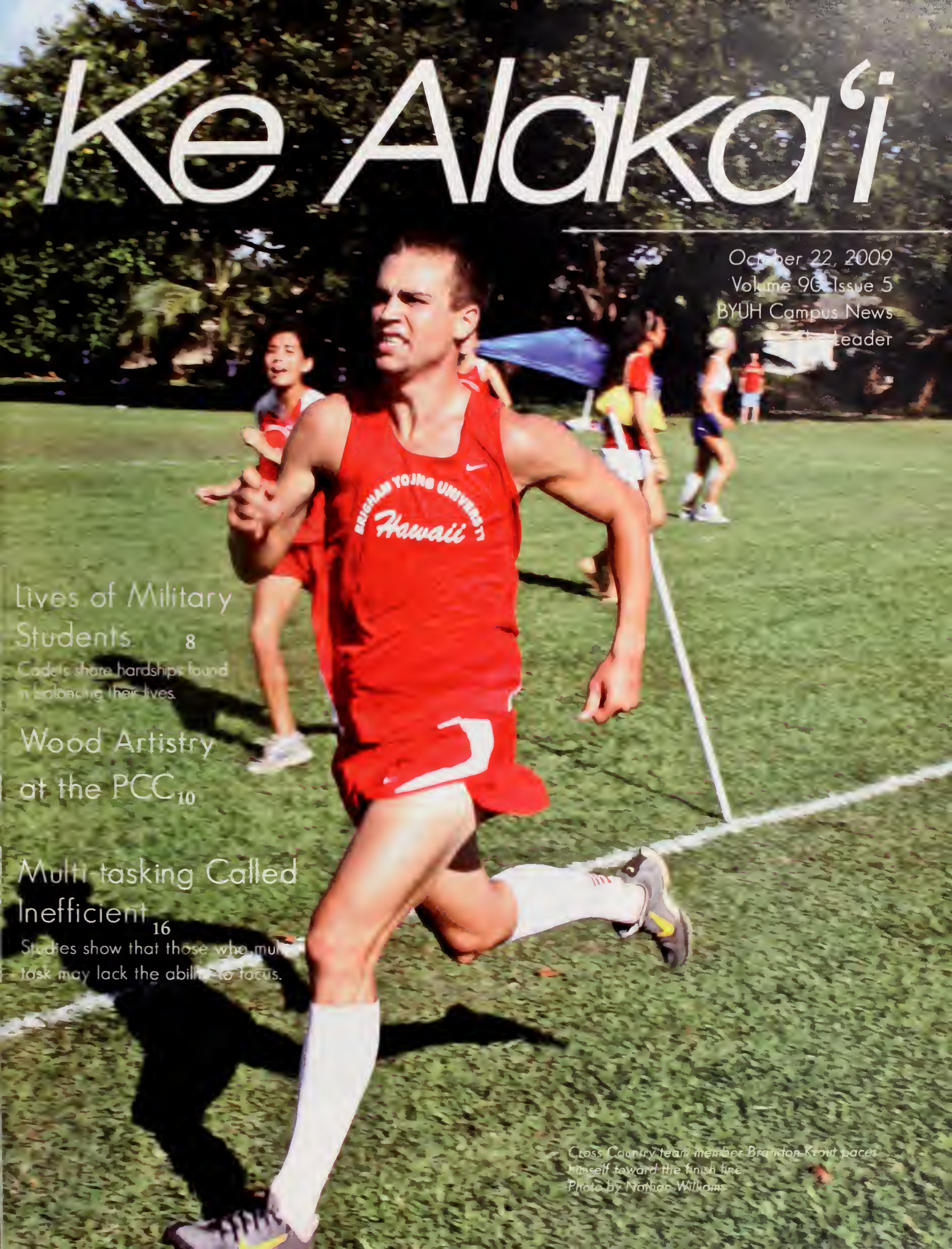
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*As a new semester brings new faces to Laie, a few safety tips and reminders are given to help keep everyone safe in Laie*





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## Conversion Book introduced

Students at BYUH are asking that members of the community share their testimonies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with Laie temple visitors from all over the world.

## Conversion book continuation

Kiyomi Hamai, Brett Puterbaugh, Spencer Olguin, Emily Wasden, Amanda Levy, and Barbara Liao are working together to collect conversion stories and testimonies from members of the Mormon faith at BYUH and in the Laie community. These stories are to be displayed in a book modeled after the golden plates in the Laie Temple Visitors Center. The students were assigned a project entitled "Be the Change" in Dr. Chad Ford's Intercultural Peacebuilding class. Ford asked students to "identify a conflict at the school or in the community, analyze it, develop a conflict resolution strategy and then implement it" throughout the semester.

In July, Hamai, a member of the church since early 2003, sat in the campus cafeteria with converts from Pakistan, China, Mongolia, and Turkey relating their conversion stories. She was struck by the commonality between people of such diverse backgrounds. She said, "It proves to me, no matter where you are from, the gospel is universal."

Hamai, originally from Fukuoka, Japan, served a mission on Oahu, spending most of her time working at the Temple Visitors Center. Hamai recalls concluding tours to guests by inviting them to be a part of the "Legacy of Laie." She began thinking that if tourists could be a part of the legacy, the local peoples should as well. Anyone interested is encouraged to send their story to [h.kiyomi@gmail.com](mailto:h.kiyomi@gmail.com).

-BEN HALE



## President Monson Expected in Laie

Students and Staff at Brigham Young University-Hawaii are looking forward to November's tri-state conference to be held in the presence of our prophet, President Thomas S. Monson.



## Fall 2009 Career Fair

Dress up nice and bring your resumes! Thursday, October 22 marks the next Career Fair at BYUH. Employers will be waiting to meet you in the CAC between 10am and 1pm.



## New Certificate Available

In light of the recent development of the TESOL Certificate, BYU Hawaii is excited to announce its next new academic addition - the Certificate of Entrepreneurship. Contact the CIE in the Aloha Center for more info.



## Songfest

This coming weekend will mark Songfest 2009. 18 clubs will show a variety of performances for themes such as "Old Meets New." Other clubs featured include Hawaiian Club, Taiwanese Club and Latino Club.



## Agriculture must swell alongside population

Our generation of students will soon need to make changes in order to sustain the human race in the future. The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization predicts that agricultural investment in developing countries will have to swell by 70 percent by 2050 to feed the world's expected population of 9.1 billion people.

Monday marked the commencement of a two-day forum of 300 experts tackling the topic of how to feed the world in 2050. The world's current population of 6.7 billion already has a record 1 billion hungry people, due to economic crisis, high food prices, war, and drought.

FAO Director-General Jacques Diouf emphasized at the gathering, "The challenge is not only to increase global future production but to increase it where it is mostly needed and by those who need it most. There should be a special focus on smallholder farmers, women and rural households and their access to land, water and high quality seeds ... and other modern inputs."

The diverse population of BYUH includes hundreds of students from Asia and Africa, where it is predicted that climate change will cause 21 and 30 percent reductions in agricultural output, respectively. Investments are needed in developing nations to build roads, train farmers, and increase access to irrigation systems and modern machinery.

-AMY HANSON



Students gathered in the Little Circle last Saturday to share cultural foods and experiences with the community. Photos by Aissa Mittan

## FOOD FEST: FALL 2009

Annual event raises money for Samoa disasters

The smell of food surrounded the Little Circle. People grew hungrier, and the lines became longer at this semester's Foodfest last Saturday.

As usual, there were bounce houses, a rock wall, and vast amounts of food being sold by the clubs of BYU-Hawaii.

"I love the atmosphere. I'm very busy with school so this is a good opportunity to meet people," said Nick Nguyen, a freshmen information systems from Vietnam.

Not only were there lines for the food but also at the ticket booth and the ATM machine. The Laie community joined with BYU-H for a night of festivities.

"We come to support the clubs and see what else is new. Ever year it's a little different," said community member Joe Tulele.

One of the aspects that made this Foodfest different than others was the

bands that played. In the past there have been DJs and student performers, but this year Rebel Soldier showed up and performed for charity.

"I love Rebel Soldier. I went home to celebrate my birthday but when I heard Rebel Soldiers were playing, I came back to campus," said Kaleo Lowe, a sophomore in exercise science from Pearl City.

All of the bands played to raise money for the disasters in Samoa. A box for money was set out and they encouraged people to donate to the cause.

"I like that there were so many different people coming together. It's amazing to see people coming together for relief effort. I'm all for that," said Kimber Johnson, a senior in special education from California.

At the end of the night, Dental Club president, Daniel Kaonohi said their booth did great. "Face painting was new this year. We had a lot of kids come which was what we were aiming for," said Kaonohi.

NICOLE HAMILTON



# LIBRARY MAINTENANCE

## Library ground crew creates new watering system

BYU Hawaii recently began grounds work around the library that has gotten students curious. S. Fonua Lauaki, Assistant Director for Grounds, took some time out of his busy schedule to answer the questions presented by students.

"We are replacing the existing sprinkler system for better coverage of the lawn and better water efficiency," He said. "We are installing a flow sensor—a system that stops the water flow when it senses a leak—in order use the water more productively."

The construction started Oct 12 and is planned to finish before Nov 30. Ultimate Innovations Inc. was contracted for the landscape project.

Lauaki explained that the old system did not cover the grass enough to maintain the desired green. "It was a very old system; I think it has fulfilled its purpose."

The new system will be automated and controlled by a central headquarter located on campus. There are also plans to put in new sprinkler systems in other parts of campus that may need it.

After the sprinkler renovations are done, the planters will be replaced around the perimeter of the Joseph F. Smith library.

"We also have the rain water. We can't seem to beat the quality of the rain-water. When it rains, the front grasses are very green," Lauaki said, commenting on the added benefit of Hawaii's weather conditions.

K. F. H. W. P.



BYU Hawaii began grounds work around the library for a new water system  
Photo by [www.pachd.com](http://www.pachd.com)

## Math club doesn't talk about math

For anyone interested in having a good time, math club is the place to be.

Although the club is "Math Club," President Chase Carlston, said the main goal of the club is to get people involved and let them have a good time.

"Math is fun. People that do math are normal and not geeks," said Carlston.

The club has many activities planned for this year such as treasure hunts, hikes, a slip and slide, and glow in the dark dodge ball.

Secretary Ingunn Sorensen, a sophomore in psychology from Norway, said she is most excited for the hikes that the club is going to do.

"I am excited for Pi Day because we are going to eat a lot of pie," said Jordan DeVard, a senior in international business management from Illinois. In math, the number pi is 3.14 so the official pi day is March 14.

The number one rule in math club is to not talk about math. The club is a great way to meet people, enjoy and experience Hawaii, and have fun.

NIJIE HAMILTON

## LDS Church sees technology as blessing

In its latest new use of technology, the LDS Church has recently added two new websites where users can access various multimedia

resources. These are "Mormon Channel: Official Radio Station of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints" (<http://radio.lds.org/>), and "Mormon Messages" (<http://www.youtube.com/user/MormonMessages>), which is a collection of inspirational and informative videos put out by the Church.

As found on their "about us" page, the Mormon Channel is "the official radio station of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The channel originates from Temple Square in Salt Lake City, Utah and broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

JESSE SPARKS



## Vaccination closely follows cases of H1N1 Virus in States

Mild cases of the swine flu (H1N1 virus) have come to campus, but close behind come the vaccine for the H1N1 virus.

Lena Tyau, a registered nurse at the Health Center for 19 years, said that most H1N1 cases on campus have been mild, and have also included the general seasonal flu. So far this semester 50 plus students have gone in to the health center to receive aid for either the seasonal flu or the H1N1 virus.

Brady Wood, junior in biology from Alberta Canada, had flu symptoms and said, "I had really bad aches and pains, high fever, chills and my eyes always hurt, so I made my girlfriend rub them. She was the only reason I made it through."

BYUH will be receiving a shipment of the H1N1 vaccine sometime this month. Because it is registered under the State Health Department, the government will be paying for the supply (although a small injection fee may apply, probably \$5). A bulletin will be sent as soon as the vaccines are available.

"It's comforting if people need to be treated they can get it right away. At first it was a big scare being labeled as a pandemic," said Brook Per-

riton, junior in IBM from Kaneohe.

Tyua also said that with the free government supply, the health department will have to conform to a strict set of guidelines, giving priority to pregnant women, healthcare givers, children between the ages of six and 24 months, and people with existing medical conditions.

"I think BYUH is doing a good job. They're being cautious. I hope most people won't get the swine flu. When they quarantined me, [for flu-like symptoms] my teachers were way chill and excused the assignments and absences," said Brandon Olmstead, IBM freshman from Saint George Utah.

According to the Associated Press, "some 600 people have died so far from the flu in this country, and the government has targeted roughly 90,000 sites to receive the swine flu vaccine by the end of this month."

Not all students plan on getting the vaccinations once made available. "I don't ever get sick," said Lindsey Mortensen, ICS sophomore from Colorado. "If people are like me then they'll never get the vaccination. I'd rather risk getting sick than spend money on a vaccination. I feel like I get more of a rush living on the edge," she said.

Health and Human Services secretary Kathleen Sebelius unconditionally vouched for the safety of the vaccine, saying it "has been made exactly the same way seasonal vaccine has been made,



*A laboratory technician is seen at a Sanofi-Pasteur production plant manufacturing Panenza a vaccine for the H1N1 flu virus in Val-de-Reuil western Paris Monday Oct 19 2009 (AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)*

year in and year out."

Symptoms of the swine flu include: sore throat, cough, high fever, headache, runny nose, vomiting and diarrhea.

According to the BYUH Health Center, those with the flu should stay at home from class, work and church, keep isolated (including from the Health Center), as the virus can spread really quickly, take Tylenol or Ibuprofen for aches and fever, use cough syrup, maintain proper hydration, use throat lozenges such as Cepacol for sore throats and rest. Call the Flu Hotline 808-675-3945 to speak with a nurse for other concerns.

-TRISTEN LEACH

## Announcing the 2010 Student Research Associate Program

The Student Research Associateship Program is one of the best opportunities that come with a BYU-Hawaii education. If you are a student with at least 60 credit hours, would like to develop more in-depth experience in your chosen area of study, and would like to work closely with a faculty member, this is a program for you.

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If you are interested you can learn more at [http://academics.byuh.edu/student\\_research/about\\_us](http://academics.byuh.edu/student_research/about_us) or just talk to one of the professors in your major.

Deadline for applications have been extended to Nov. 9th.



## Wizard of Oz after 70 years

First released on 25 Aug 2009, The Wizard of Oz in its Technicolor fame celebrated its seventieth anniversary. Yet, the film was not the trailblazer, but based on the book entitled The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum.

Literally coined as "America's greatest and best loved homegrown fairytale" by the Library of Congress, it has evolved to touch various people.

All the characters of Baum's fairytale lack something—the scarecrow a brain, the tin man a heart, the lion his courage, and Dorothy her home—which allow BYU Hawaii students to relate the story with their own lives. "I feel like the scarecrow because I wish I had a brain," Aaron Jones, a sophomore in IDS from California, said.

Others relate more positively. "I think I'm a Toto because I'm cute and cuddly," Jordan Weed, a junior in biology from Utah, said.

Melissa Young, a junior in social work from Georgia, shared her feelings of being misunderstood as Elphaba—wicked witch of the west and protagonist of the Wizard of Oz spin-off, Wicked—felt. She expressed the hardship that haoles face as locals consider every haole the same as the next. Adam Van Tassell, a senior in HTM from Florida, said he felt like the wizard, "like a scatterbrained lunatic half of the time," because of his life as a husband, father, and the constant moving of his family.

Others outside of the U.S. don't have such a connection to the film. "I've heard of it, but I don't know much about it other than there is a lot of symbolism," Jesus Alvarez, a senior in IBM from Mexico, said.

—KYLE HOWARD


## Underwood academic forum: Shares with students how 'BCR' clarifies our knowledge

Dr. Grant Underwood, after speaking at devotional on October 13, shared with BYU-Hawaii students how the newly published "Book of Commandments and Revelation" (BCR) clarifies our knowledge of church history and doctrines.

The BCR contributes to our knowledge of church history. It mentions two revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith that members were never before aware of. One includes the revelation that authorized Church leaders to secure ways to pay for the printing of the Book of Mormon.

The other revelation regards the organization of the Church. According to Dr. Underwood, the BCR showed that a basic structure was revealed and Oliver Cowdery was commanded to use the Book of Mormon to help him come up with a new organization.

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## ROTC STUDENTS FACE CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES

Shaka Malufau, a senior in EXS from Laie, is a full time student, has been a husband for one-and-a-half years, and is a soon-to-be father. In his home, he presides as patriarch and helps fight spiritual battles day by day for his family, with his loving wife Sarah at his side.

He is also Cadet Malufau, a contracted member of BYU-Hawaii's Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program, and, if all goes as planned, he will take an assignment in the Army Medical Service Corps as an Army Reserves Officer either in Hawaii or California after graduation.

For Shaka and other students like him, there is a challenge many of their student peers do not face: finding how to balance military life with student and family life.

"It is very challenging to maintain the balance between being a student at BYUH and being in the ROTC program," Shaka said. "I study wherever and whenever I can . . . I go to war every day. Tests, homework, quizzes, and lectures are the enemy and I have to attack them each day."

"Sometimes class can be a hassle, especially when you don't get much sleep the night before and have to get up early," said Micah Stevenson, a senior in ICS communications from Texas and three-year-cadet of ROTC. "You have to motivate yourself and do what you got to do to."

Micah aspires to become a lieutenant after graduation and is planning on staying in the Army for 20 years, he said.

Siope Langi, a senior in university studies from Maui, who has been involved with ROTC since even before there was an established program at BYUH, said, "as an individual soldier doing target practice, you might have to dehumanize your target so that you can be able to shoot at it. But you have to know how to turn that off and on."

Langi, father of a one year old girl, has been involved in ROTC programs since high school and plans on continuing his services after graduation as an Infantryman. "Sometimes I will be gone for two weeks or a few months on a mission and when I come back I can't immediately turn that off," he said. Finding ways to deal with apparent conflicts between the military mind frame and functioning in student and family life is a personal process that will be learned over time, he said.

The ROTC program consists of physical training exercises on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 6 to 7am, and a Tuesday course in Military Science and Leadership which emphasizes military customs, strategy, tactics, and ethics, as well as lessons in how to manage time and stress. On Thursday, there is a lab where the skills, mission assignments, and techniques they learned on Tuesday can be put into practice. At BYUH, upper classmen—juniors and seniors—have to commute to University of Hawaii (UH) for their Tuesday and Thursday courses.

Though he is not in the ROTC program himself, Iraq vet Sergeant Daniel



*Top: Micah Stevenson crouches with his M16 on his knee while on a patrolling mission in Washington state for training. Photo by Cadet Synder. Middle: Stevenson finishes morning training exercises at the little circle at BYUH. Photo by April Powell. Bottom: Cadet Shaka Malufau and Stevenson finish "Recanda" training on the beach at Hukilau. Photo by Esther Langi.*



Strong, a senior in history from Washington and current squad leader of an anti terrorism platoon in the Marines Reserves, said he respects cadets involved in ROTC for their efforts and for the kind of sacrifice that they are making.

"Sometimes I see the ROTC or Army guys running and I feel appreciation for them," he said. "They don't know all of what they are going to have to go through . . . after being in active duty somewhere like Iraq, you find that it's taken a toll on you. It will be a challenge for the rest of your life."

"It's a lifestyle," Langi said. "You just have to learn how to transition from that military mind frame. You have to learn how to do it on your own. You have to know how to adapt." He also said that his wife keeps him in check, and that if there ever were a time where he felt he could not "turn off" the soldier or cadet mind set, he could always go to counseling services, which are available through the campus. However, he feels that it must ultimately be learned alone. "The faster you can realize that, the better off you'll be," he added.

Stevenson said he feels like one of the classes he is taking for his major on conflict resolution helps him out. "My conflict resolution class with Chad Ford helps me to have a good balance between the military mind frame and classes," he said.

Despite apparent conflicts which arise from this often painful transition, Malufau and his peers said that they appreciate all that the military has done for them—that it has taught them discipline, how to lead, and how to deal with stress in times of greatest need.

Cadet Malufau said that "being a soldier and being a student are all about discipline . . . I think that the military



mind-frame has helped me become a better student."

Malufau also claimed that his experiences with the military have taught him to deal with family life too. "Having the military mind frame at home is not a negative thing because it helps me realize that we are fighting a spiritual war," he said. "My wife likes the discipline of the military mindset because I help to keep the house tidy."

Although Malufau said that there are plenty of difficulties involved in balancing military training with other aspects of his life, he spoke enthusiastically of the benefits of the rigorous physical exercise routine of ROTC. "Doing the [physical training] regimen . . . is a great release for me to run out all my stresses and frustrations from the week," he said.

Besides staying fit, other benefits of the program include that it pays for room and board or tuition costs during enrollment, and there is a stipend provided depending on class rank.

Since, at BYUH, there are ROTC cadets who plan on going on missions, the Army lets them take part in the program before they leave, but sets them in a non-contracted "holding tank" position, said Captain

Bobbi Box, ROTC's campus instructor.

Captain Box, a native of Pennsylvania who began working at BYUH this semester, said that she is impressed with the way that the cadets fulfill their duties, both on the training field and in the classroom as scholars, especially those among them who have returned from LDS missions.

"There is a different kind of dynamic here with BYUH cadets," she said. "Many of them have gone on missions or are planning on serving one. I have a great respect for the missionary tradition that I've seen here . . . these cadets are top notch because of their experiences."

"I think they could even compete with West Point," she added.

Malufau and his fellow cadets, many of whom have served missions, are in the military, not only because of the benefits, but also for an opportunity to serve their country, something which many of them have wanted to do since they were young.

"The biggest inconveniences are the [commute to UH], the time I have to spend away from my family, waking up really early every day, and balancing schoolwork and a job with the demands of the ROTC program," said Malufau.

*Top: Stevenson's squad was about to Air Assault into a forest in Washington state for a training exercise. Photo by Crew Chief of the helicopter*

DAVID BURROWS



# THE WOOD CARVERS of AOTEAROA

Repair the entrance sign. Re-tie the war canoe. Restore the splitting meeting house façade. Carve the fireknife trophies.

These tasks and more make-up the to-do list of the woodcarvers in the New Zealand Village at the Polynesian Cultural Center. To passersby, the shaded, lagoon-side carver's hut might seem like the perfect place to relax, but you'll never find the workers there with their feet up. Doug Christy, head carver of the Aotearoa village, said that there are always projects to be done. "Right now we're restoring the original woodwork from a piece of the meeting house entry in the village, and we'll probably start working on a new sign for the village too," he said. Luckily, Christy isn't alone in his work to uphold the PCC motto to "preserve and showcase South Pacific island cultures." Two student employees are currently in their apprenticeship with Christy who is teaching them the traditional craft of Maori carving.

Andrew Townsend, a sophomore in biology from California, applied for the position of cultural artisan apprentice, because "it sounded really rad and I've always liked working with my hands."

Spencer Olguin, a junior in ICS

*Andrew Townsend sophomore in biology from California works to restore the original woodwork from the meeting house in the Aotearoa village at the Polynesian Cultural Center*





and communications from Mexico, was attracted to the job because of his love of culture. "I'm from Mexico where a lot of woodcarving is done to preserve the culture, and I wanted to learn more about the significance of wood carving in other cultures too," he said.

Neither Townsend nor Olguin had any wood carving experience before being hired in the village, but Christy didn't mind. "They may not be Maori, but they have a Maori heart," said Christy, "I don't underestimate my students or take them for granted."

The teacher-student relationship is one that has been ever-present in Maori tradition and continues today. Christy,

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"I don't underestimate my students or take them for granted."  
-Doug Christy

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himself was introduced to the art by his father, Epanaia Whaanga Christy, who used wood carving as a way to keep his son out of trouble. Epanaia was temporarily hired by the PCC in 1973 to restore the damaged war canoe that was on display in the village. When he finished the detailed process in 18 months instead of the expected two years, recalled his son, the center hired him permanently. Christy still remembers learning the craft for the first time. "I was a freshman in high school when my dad gave me a set of tools and had me clean and sharpen them. Once I learned to carve, I would always ask my father what he thought of my work. Without saying a word he would give a nod, and I knew he was pleased. That meant a lot to me."

Christy provides his students the same opportunity his father gave him. Olguin mentioned that his favorite project so far was the one he did with Christy. The piece they completed was a carved Maori hook designed to be a wall hanging. "It was my first project," Olguin said. "I could see how, step by step, he was teaching me, and I liked the process of a teacher passing something on to a student."

-KENT CAROLLO

*Doug Christy masterfully chisels and finetunes the restorative work on the Aotearoa meetinghouse. Photos by Ryan Bagley*





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Three members of the men's team go rim high for the ball during BYU Hawaii's Midnight Madness. Photo by Ryan Bagley

## MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Midnight Madness took place on Friday, October 16, at the Cannon Activity Center on BYU - Hawaii campus. The night was a premier of the basketball season to come. The point of the game is to get everyone excited about the season," explained Jana Stratton, wife to Chuck Stratton, who is the Game Coordinator at the BYUH Athletic Department.

"What's really cool is last year we had paid ushers and this year the teams got together to usher for each other...to save money for the department," said Chuck Stratton. His job is to make sure everything is set up. He oversees the ushers and security.

"We're just raffling off prizes. They're going to be calling out numbers and whoever has those numbers wins," said Kristyn Roberts, a junior from North Virginia studying HTM, who plays for the BYUH Seaside Women's

team. "This year a bunch of my friends and I decided to try out together," she said of how she made it to the team.

Prizes were given away by raffle, and after several numbers went unclaimed, prizes were awarded to anyone who could prove they were from a number of randomly announced places such as Washington State and Taiwan. "It was great that they were giving away a variety of prizes," said Kimber Johnson, a junior from California studying special education. The winner of a pair of Adidas socks, Madison Taylor, a freshman from California majoring in biology, said she was "confused, but it's ok."

Taylor came to the event because, said she, "It's kind of fun to see the competitions and see what the teams are going to be like." Ashley Transtrum, a freshman from Wyoming who is undecided on her major, said

she came to the event for the excitement. "I love basketball," she said.

"It's pretty sweet. The music's good and the free food, too," said Jenna Pruitt, a freshman from Washington State with an undeclared major.

The men's and women's basketball teams showed their skills in a variety of games including a dunking competition and scrimmage. "I thought the guys and girls should have played against each other," said Johnson. "But I loved the shoot-off," she said, commenting on a game in which the audience members competed to make a shot with the basketball to win prizes.

The girls' basketball team compiled a collaboration of videos of themselves, which was shown to the audience on a big screen. "When I am cheering for them, I will feel like I know who I am cheering for personally," said Johnson.

-CARRIE COLLINGRIDGE

The women's team barrels down the court to connect ball with basket. Photo by Ryan Bagley





## VOLLEYBALL STEPS UP

For the second consecutive night, the Seaside Women's Volleyball Team battled the Argonauts of Notre Dame de Namur last Saturday. The Seaside were able to secure hard-fought victories over the Argonauts both nights, winning Saturday's match 3-1.

Describing the match, Student Assistant Manager Adam Walton said, "It was intense. It was good. There were lessons learned from [Friday] night and we applied them." Referring to some of the ways the Seaside improved their performance during Saturday's match, Walton mentioned scrappier defense and making timely plays as keys to the victory.

Junior middle blocker Tanza Buroker had a standout performance, leading both teams with 15 kills. Sophomore middle blocker Hannah Wilkinson also had a breakout night up front. Her seven blocks, several of which came at critical moments, were vital to the team's win. Ashley Fox led the Argonauts with 12 kills and 4 blocks. All four games were very close, with multiple ties and lead changes. After winning the first two games 25-23 and 25-19 respectively,

it looked like the Seaside had a chance to sweep the match. But the Argonauts pulled off a third game victory with a score of 25-27. The momentum began to shift in the Argonauts favor and they were up 13-9 in the fourth game. However, the Seaside responded with solid defense and smart play, tying the game at 15. After regaining the lead, the Seaside proved too tough for the Argonauts, going up 21-15, and finally putting the match away at 25-19.

Although the match coincided with FoodFest, many fans still came out to support the team, for which Head Coach Wilfred Navalta was grateful. "It was nice to have the spirit of the student body and the band," stated Navalta. "The competitive environment helped us. When we were down in game 4, the crowd was getting into it, which gave us momentum and helped us win the match."

In describing her performance, Hannah Wilkinson credited the team as a whole. "We came together," she said. "I'm really grateful for all the girls; there are no hits without great passes and sets. I do my job last; they take care of business, so I owe it to them to get the hit."

Despite the loss, two players on the Notre Dame de Namur squad were happy to be playing in Laie. Sharol Kahawahi and Alayna Galeai, both graduates from Kahuku High School, had the opportunity to compete in front of family and friends from the area. Kahawahi and Galeai both stated that they were nervous at first, but ended up enjoying the experience. "As soon as I go on the court," said Kahawahi, "the crowd



▲ Nobuko Kotoyori (3) and Kylee Nawohine (10) spring to block a spike by Notre Dame de Namur last week. Photo by Ryon Bogle

was welcoming and there were no negative comments on either side. It felt like I was playing a home game in [Belmont], California," Galeai added, "It made me play harder. I have a lot of friends on the Seaside...assistant coach [Mona Ah Hoy] was my high school coach and coach Jay [Akoi] is in my home ward."

Up next for the Seaside Women's Volleyball team is two matches against Academy of Art this coming Tuesday and Wednesday, and an exhibition match against University of Hawaii-Manoa on Friday. Coach Navalta was relieved to come away from this past weekend with victories, but said that the team is young and still has improvements to make. "It's time for refinement and to step up."

-DUSTIN GEDDES

"It was intense. It was good. There were lessons learned from [Friday] night and we applied them."  
-Adam Walton



## X-Country dominates NCAA II West Region after run in Laie at BYUH Invitational

BYU-Hawaii men and women cross country team continues dominating NCAA II West Region after last week's run here in Laie at the BYU Hawaii Invitational. Not only did both teams come out first, both Pacific West Conference Cross Country Runners of the Week were also fellow Seaside's, namely Lacey Krout for women and Spencer Deavila for men.

Krout's last week's recognition is her second honor for the season, which came after she finished the 5k run with the best time for the day at 19:23. Trailing Krout were teammates Katherine Buxton in second place, Danielle Anderson in third place, Lacey Kurtz in fifth place, and Allison Shamrell in eighth place, adding up to a total of 19 points to give the lady Seaside's a perfect record and the fifth win for the season. Kelsey Elder, Samantha Peavler and Devin Neff also finished the race for the Seaside's.

Spencer Deavila's recognition, on

the men's side, is his third for the season and second week in a row. The junior from Mesa, Arizona claimed this honor after running the second-fastest time for an 8k in school history at a time of 25:07. The current record holder for BYU-Hawaii 8k record book is teammate Brendan McMaster who ran a time of 24:52 earlier this year at the Hawaii Pacific Invitational. McMaster finished third this past Saturday with a time of 26:07. Right behind McMaster was Brandon Krout in fourth and Luke Graesser in fifth place. Matthew Gulden finished in eleventh place to give the Seaside team an overall 24 points. Ryan Belliston, T.J. Hesselgesser, Nathan Braswell and Oscar Noguera from BYU-Hawaii also finished the race.

These two winners next performance will be Saturday October 24, 2009 here at Laie.

HEMANUEL TATAFI AND SPENCER DEAVILA

*Cross country teammates pump pistons of muscle on various courses. Photos by Nathan Williams*



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## Multi-taskers may want to sharpen their focus

College students are asked to juggle a lot of things, so it comes as no surprise that self-professed multitaskers are everywhere. Christian Evans, a senior from Colorado majoring in university studies, is one of them. He described a typical day in his life here at BYU-Hawaii: "I'm a regional manager for a marketing company, working more than 50 hours a week. I'm trying to graduate, so I try to find time to do a little homework. I'm a newlywed as well."

Walk into the library and I'm sure you'll see people doing homework, surfing the internet, sending emails, facebookg, texting, tweeting, and doing other things, all at the same time. With so much multitasking taking place on a daily basis, there is a question: are we really getting more done?

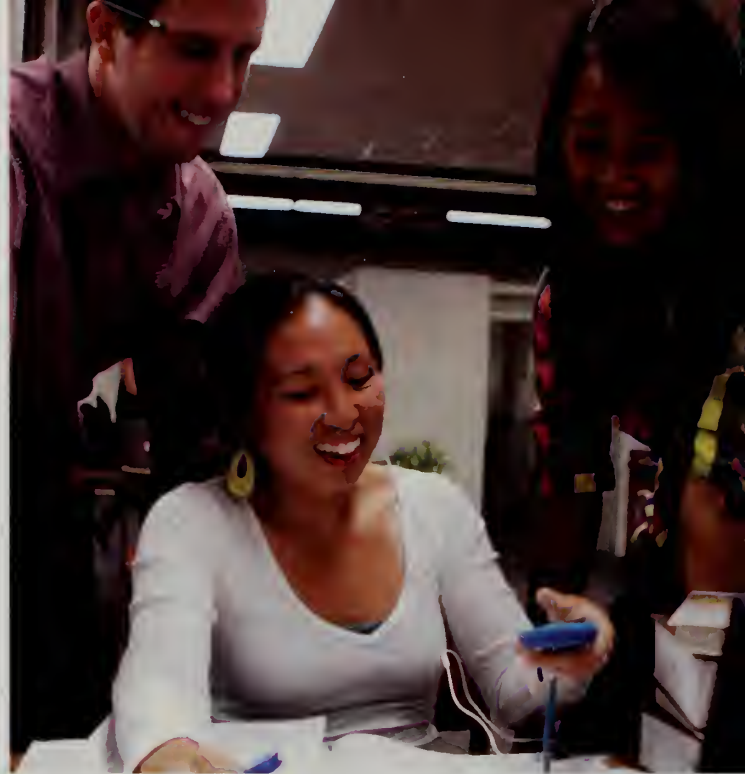
According to an article in The Boston Globe by Ellen Goodman, the answer may indeed be "no." Goodman mentions a study of 100 students at Stanford, all multitaskers of different levels. The study showed that "the high ones focused poorly, remembered less and were more easily distracted." They were also ineffective at switching between tasks and figuring out which tasks were most important.

This may come to a surprise to many multitaskers who believe that they are being more efficient. On our campus, however, several people were not too surprised by it. "I agree with the distracted thing," commented Shayla Rowley, a freshman from Utah majoring in vocal performance. "I get easily distracted. When you focus on one thing you get it done faster than if you're going back and forth focusing on different things. When you focus on too many things at once, you don't get the most of what you do."

Tori Silfverberg, a junior from Sweden majoring in international business, expressed a similar opinion. However, she differentiated between small tasks and larger or more important tasks. "When it comes to little things," Tori said, "it's easy to multitask. Sending texts or emails is easy; it might take like ten seconds, so you can do a lot of that. Major things like work and school require more focus."

A lot is expected of us as students, but it might be beneficial to evaluate the things that demand our attention, and focus on the ones that are most important. Like expert multitasker Rachelle Cristy, a junior from Laie, mentioned, "It's about balance."

DUSTIN GEDDES



BJ Liaw, seated, shows her multi-tasking skills by chatting with Kyle Haward, left, and Shelley Ng, right, while simultaneously chatting, listening to music, and doing homework. Photo by Ryan Bagley

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## Invite to Rez Talk

Have you lived on the Rez? Do you have fond memories of wild dogs? Are you tired of people telling you they are Cherokee? If so, please come to Ke Alaka'i and ask for Keith Borgholthaus. He is doing a history paper on how people view Native Americans today, and the reasons why. The conquering of the Aztecs, the invention of the gun, the declaration of independence, and other topics will be discussed.

The idea came from his time spent as a missionary on the Navajo Nation Native American reservation, and he kept getting asked about blood brother ceremonies. He found some answers and wants to hear and write down your stories or impressions on this and other such events.

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## Mongolia gets first stake president

New Ulanbator Mongolian West Stake presidency and their families: (from left) 1st Counselor N. Adiyolbold, President O. Odgerel, 2nd Counselor A. Tsog, on June 7, 2009. Photo provided by LDS Church News.

## Mongolian stake President continued

In an October address at BYU-Idaho, Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles hailed the bravery of Oyun Altangerel, a Mongolian woman who paved the way to religious freedom in her country. Her son, Odgerel Ochirjav, is also a pioneer of sorts. He was called to be the first stake president in Mongolia on June 7, 2009.

Odgerel's contributions to the church spread far and wide, even to BYU Hawaii. Uurtsaikh Tumur-Ochir, senior in accounting from Ub., Mongolia, remembers President Odgerel as an exceptional institute teacher. "He was very spiritual and good at teaching. My testimony increased thanks to him."

Odgerel's mother introduced him to LDS missionaries in 1994. Six years later, in 2000, Odgerel found himself attending the Asian Executive Management Training at PCC.

"I was at that time serving as a branch president in Mongolia," said Odgerel. "Having been able to see how experienced church leadership is done at BYUH wards and stakes was a great learning time for me."

During this 10 month period, Odgerel met and dated his future wife, BYUH alumni Ariuna Tserenjav. Both attribute positive church and scholarly learning to their time at BYUH, including their capacity to teach and serve better thanks for English abilities.

"My wife and I love the promise of David O. McKay about BYUH, and are true believers and partakers of his promised blessings," Ogderel said.

-JOKKE KIKKINEN



## Recital

Faculty member Anna Mooy gave a recital last Thursday, featuring music from Mozart to Schumann, and she recieved a standing ovation. She delighted the crowd with an encore, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."



## Celebrating 40 years

After graduating just two students in 1969, The TESOL program is now a respected major celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. BYU-Hawaii has gained international recognition for the quality of its English language instruction. Photo provided by HICSS.



## Focus Film Club

75 club members are the recipients of a new emphasis - photography. Group outings now include Chinatown and Makapu'u Point, as well as Photoshop tutorials. They're also in charge of producing campus films.

## CBIZ



## Accounting majors given an alternative

Century Business Services, Inc. came to campus last Wednesday to teach accounting majors about their company's specific hiring process. This gave students a taste of what it would be like to be an accountant working at a large firm.





*Construction on the front of the GCB will soon yield a new place to study, eat and hang out.  
Photo by Aisso Mitton*

## Construction creates new hang out spot

The GCB construction that students have been weaving their way around for the last couple of months is scheduled to be finished the week of Thanksgiving.

"We are building an enclosed area where students can gather, socialize, study, and eat," Billy Casey said, Assistant Director

of Physical Plant over construction.

The outside enclosure will cater to features BYU-Hawaii students desire, specifically internet usage and the ability to eat. "You can gather and study in the library, but you can't eat there," Casey said.

"We're very excited about it," Casey continued. "We're trying to build green. We have installed louvered [paneled] windows to take advantage of the trade winds, and solar tubes so we don't need to use lights during the daytime."

Casey also explained some of the

preventative constructions currently being done. "We will also put a drainage system around the outside to prevent what happened on Dec 17," Casey was referring to the extensive flooding that occurred on campus.

Casey explained how convenient it will be for the GCB to have a location outside of the main entryway for students to communicate. The plan is to have a location like that of the Aloha Center and surrounding areas, but on the opposite side of campus.

- KYLE HOWARD

## Campus copes with crunch-time

With midterms right around the corner students' levels of stress and anxiety are skyrocketing. Over 200 students showed up for BYUH's Anxiety Screening Day. Tanya Willson, a psychology intern from Liberty University in Virginia, put together a quick and easy process to evaluate the levels of

anxiety in our student body. "We handed out a seven section questionnaire of simple yes or no questions. The levels of anxiety do tend to run a little higher this time of year because of school but everyone handles stress differently. Everyone could benefit from talking to someone."

The counseling services are one hundred percent free to students and there is always a counselor ready to talk to anyone whether you are suffering from stress and

anxiety or simply just wanting to take an evaluation to learn more about yourself. Tayna stated, "Everybody has issues, lots of things cause stress in our lives but there is so much joy to be had in the world. So even with a few sessions I can serve my fellow man. I feel like I am serving god by helping. I was helped as a teen, so if I can make a few differences in someone's life it will all be worth it."

MCKENSIE DUREN



## Performance brings another piece of peace

Even though the lights were dimmed, the McKay Auditorium was lit up by a wave of glow sticks at the finale of Artimos last Thursday.

As the show came to a close, with the song "Lean on Me" performed by Andrew Monahan and Phil Andrus, students were informed that glow sticks were taped underneath every seat.

"The glow sticks were a good symbolism for the performance and I like that we can bring something home with us to remind

"It is our hope and vision that at least in the smallest way you would come back home with some inspiration." Art Saowichit

us to share our light," said Nathan Hansen, a freshman in business management from Kansas.

The goal of Artimos is to promote peace internationally, as defined by the Artimos crew in Thursday night's pamphlet. "We create multimedia products that include the use of song, dance, videos, and other cultural performances, to invite individuals into a space that will help build a foundation for greater intercultural understanding, exposing the humanity of all involved."

This semester's theme was "let your light shine. peace by piece."

"It is our hope and vision that at least in the smallest way, you would come back home with some inspiration. Thank you for sharing your lights with us," said Artimos founder, Art Saowichit.

The performance was made up of acts that consisted of a variety of talents such as cultural dances, singing, dancing, speeches, poetry, and musical instruments.

Performer Annette Campbell, a senior in social work from Jamaica said, "Last year I saw the performance and found it so overwhelm-

ing. I want to be part of something that has a purpose."

One of the performances, "Amazing Thailand," was danced in traditional Thai apparel by the Thai Club.

Debra Oehler, a performer and wife of current student Peter Oehler, said, "We had people from Thailand, China, Brazil, Mexico, and America and we all united through dance."

Artimos was promoted through posters placed around campus, advertisements on Facebook, and through word of mouth by those who had viewed the show in the past.

Amber Wittaker, a freshman in hospitality and tourism management from Oregon, said that one of the reasons she attended Artimos was because it was publicized so well.

NICOLE HAMILTON

*Janelle Parker singing "Uurtsaikh Tumur-Ochir" dancing and Amber Huang playing a traditional Chinese instrument*  
Photo by Nathan Williams





## Haunted Lagoon Lines

William Mahoni, renowned Polynesian artist, and his crew have worked hard to make the Haunted Lagoon the best Halloween attraction on Oahu.

The legacy of last year's success lives on and fuels thrill-seekers to return to the new and improved Haunted Lagoon. "They really did a good job last year. I was really spooked – I am definitely going again," said Kari Fowler, a senior from Canada majoring in pre-professional biology.

"This year," said James Dong, a senior in HTM from Seattle, Wash., "is going to be much bigger than last year because there has been more preparation and a higher budget." Dong, along with the rest of the crew, spent time since summer term redesigning the various aspects of the ride. "If people liked the lagoon last year, they will be impressed by the newer various props, visual

effects, and costumes," said Dong.

In fact, the Haunted Lagoon has been doing so well that they have had to turn people away. On Saturday Oct 17th, the Haunted Lagoon had to turn away 700 people because there would not be enough time or room to facilitate every person.

Many of the thrills and preparation are attributed to over 100 volunteers who staff the attraction. Aly Young, a sophomore in communications from Boston, said that she has been able to scare people by hiding underneath the water. She said that it was "high energy and a lot of fun. I really enjoyed seeing people's reactions to me when they realized that I was there."

Sister Karen Hemenway, a volunteer, lurks in the Hawaiian Village as a witch. She participated in the Lagoon to support her bishopric run the event. She said, "It is interesting to see how people can scream one minute and still be laughing. It shows that they can enjoy the Lagoon and still be scared."



*Hundreds wait for their turn on a boat through the Haunted Lagoon  
Photo by Aissa Milton*

Lagoon volunteer Erin Koester, a freshman Elementary Education Major from Florida who helps to operate the zip line witch, said, "I really enjoy volunteering there because I get to see grown men get scared. It's really funny to see the grown men jump and then laugh when they realize what happened."

SUZANNE TUTTLE

## Learning to teach at BYUH

A year ago, they were teachers at different high schools and middle schools in Tonga, Samoa and Kiribati, teaching a variety of different subjects. Today, they are here at BYU - Hawaii, studying alongside some of their own students, and trying to finish their Bachelor's degree within a year as part of the International Teachers Education Program (ITEP).

The ITEP program is a collaboration effort between the BYUH School of Education, BYU-Provo, and the CES. It is intended to provide teachers and administrators in the Pacific with the "knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to be more effective."

Silvia Tonga, a middle school teacher from Tonga, said that the General Education classes are the ones she finds most helpful, "because [she gets] to [learn] the basics of different subjects such as Astronomy, Biology, etc, subjects [she] never liked before but will help [her] help [her] students in the Middle School."

Katelina Tuimaseve, a teacher from

Samoa, said she also anticipates applying the things she has learned in her classroom at home. One of these is "giving students class schedules that outline when assignments, etc. are due," something she finds helpful as a student here at BYU-Hawaii.

Teaa Tekeiaki, an English teacher in Kiribati, said she learned not only to be a better teacher in the classroom, but also how to be a better auxiliary leader. As a convert to the Church, Tekeiaki said serving in her BYU-Hawaii ward primary allowed her to learn what she missed, and it is something that will benefit her at home.

HEMALOTO TATAFU



# No more room at the Laie Inn

Laie Inn, which has served Laie and surrounding communities for 46 years, is closing. According to a press release sent out last week, the local hotel's lease with Hospitality Associates has ended. New construction would be required to keep the hotel functioning, so instead the decision has been made to start the process of demolition in November.

In the press release, Hawaii Reserves, Inc. executive vice president and CFO Eric Marler described the impact that Laie Inn has had on the area. "Laie Inn has been an important part of the area's history, providing affordable accommodations for visitors to the Ko'olau Loa region," said Marler. "We appreciate the service that Hospitality Associates, including its dedicated employees, have provided over the last 18 years. As a community, we look forward to the new accommodations the project will provide for those enjoying the Polynesian Cultural Center and visiting friends and family in the region."

Laie Inn, also known colloquially as the Hukilau Resort, will be replaced by a new hotel, scheduled to open its doors in 2010.

The announcement comes as wel-



*The last link at Laie Inn, which closes in November to make way for a new Marriott hotel. Photo by Aissa Milton*

come news to many who are looking forward to a local hotel that will not sacrifice quality for convenience.

Devin Eror, junior from Kailua majoring in Business Management, has never been impressed with Laie Inn. When asked how he felt about the news of its closing, he stated, "Good riddance."

Having a modern facility with full accommodations in Laie will give visitors an affordable alternative to Turtle Bay and will be a suitable location to host visiting digni-

taries to the University.

The closing has come at an inconvenient time for some, however. Megan Flake, who works for BYUH's internal auditing department, expressed frustration to the announcement. "My husband Jordan is graduating in December," said Megan, "and his parents had already made reservations to stay at Laie Inn, but it'll be closed."

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## MANNY, THE COOL MATH LAB GUY

Emmanuel “Manny” Alboroto, senior in mathematics from the Philippines, and local-based, is considered to be known by nearly everyone on campus. “When I see him, I think of parties, a smiling math nerd that likes to work out and is friendly to everyone,” Samuel Taylor, junior in IBM from Nebraska, said. “I think of studying more than socializing and it’s not a bad thing. Manny has made it acceptable,” Matthew Hyatt, senior in accounting from Virginia, said.

Several ladies were asked what words come to mind when they hear Manny’s name. “Welcoming,” Shelby Wood, senior in IDS from Ohio, said, “because he always just seems so excited to see you.” Madison Kite, junior in IDS from Florida, said, “Outgoing, because when I look at Manny I just smile; he doesn’t even have to say anything.” An unexpected answer came from Rachel Raynor, junior in EXS from California. “I think ‘Elder,’ because I met Manny when I was 15 years old and he was an Elder in my ward. However, I would now say, ‘Charming,’ because he is so genuine

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“When I see him, I think of parties, a smiling math nerd that likes to work out and is friendly to everyone,”

-Samuel Taylor

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and true to his roots.”

Brian Poppleton, senior in accounting from California, said, “Manny was the first home teacher I ever had that came consistently. He never missed a [month] and is still a good friend.” Poppleton shared one of his favorite “Manny moments” from one of Manny’s home teaching visits. “He gave me a ‘will you?’ commitment to take out a girl weekly using his authority as my home teacher, and then followed up.” Poppleton ended with, “He always greets me with a smile and makes me feel like I mean something.”

Everyone has an opinion or experience of Manny, but what does he think of himself? He took a few minutes out of his hectic schedule to let the students of BYUH take a peek into his mind.

Kyle: Students have expressed that they feel an instant connection to you, an instant friendship. How do you accomplish this?

Manny: I smile and I’m myself. In the mission you figure it out pretty quick that people can’t feel comfortable around you if you’re not comfortable.”

Kyle: You have been labeled the “cool math lab guy,” how do you feel about this?

Manny: It’s a good feeling to know people respect [me] because [I] work hard and put in the time. I also think that because this is a church school, it creates a different mentality in students than a non-LDS school.

KYLE HOWARD

*Manny Alboroto cruises around, smiling. Photo by Aissa Mitton*





# BYUHSA hosts community service project

The Spirit of Aloha Service Project kicked off early Saturday morning with many in attendance. The crowd in attendance was anxious for the opportunity to serve the community of Laie. Caroline Yu, two-dimensional art major from China said, "A large population of Laie is BYUH students. This gives us an opportunity to not only be students just here for school, but to fellowship the community and come together to create our own little Zion."

The activity included a variety of projects including pulling weeds at the Laie Temple, painting at Laie Elementary and cleaning up the Polynesian Cultural Center, a beach, cemetery and various homes in the community. It started off with everyone meeting at the flag circle of BYUH, where volunteers signed up and were assigned to a group. Before each group ventured off to their project destinations, they began with a spiritual thought and prayer, and then it was time to get down and dirty. BYUH students felt this was a great opportunity to give back to the community. "It shows that we actually care about the community and want to make a difference while we are going to school here. We are blessed to come here to learn and play, and this is our chance to say thank you," said accounting major Jennifer Boatwright from California.

Alexis Young, TESOL major from Arizona, shared similar feelings, "I think the community really appreciates that we are taking this opportunity to give back, just like

we really appreciate the opportunity we have to come and gain an education here in this beautiful place."

The opportunity to serve touched many people on different levels. "I liked how before we started working at the Temple grounds the maintenance worker explained a story about how the temple grounds led to the conversion of a family. Often times we feel like we are just doing maintenance work, but he kind of pulled it all together for us and gave it more meaning. Thanks to all who came and participated!" said Alma Fonua, BYUHSA president and international business management major from Utah.

ASHLEN QUIRANTE

Over two hundred students went out to make a difference in Laie. Photo by Nathan Williams





# TheBus

Unexpected bus ride may come to you

When you slap \$2.25 into the money receptor and get a transfer slip, you would think that you're signing up for a normal, boring, safe bus ride. Sometimes, you pay for more than what you bargained for. Three BYU-Hawaii students share their strange experiences on TheBus.

Atsuko Haraguchi, a junior majoring in business from Fukuoka, Japan, didn't know what stop to get off at for Ala Moana shopping mall. "I figured I'd ask this old man, and he said 'follow me,'" Haraguchi said. "We got off at Ala Moana and I thanked him, but while I was shopping in a women's store, there he was following me around. He kept following me until I told him that I was fine and didn't need his help anymore."

"Hawaii," Haraguchi concluded, "is not like Japan. Old grandpas don't follow you around if you ask for help back at home."

In Chris Manning's case, "it was the last bus coming from Haleiwa." The junior in IBM from Sandy, Utah, said, "some guy got on the bus that my wife knew from her 'ohana group. He had a towel over his head and I swear he was lighting up something under the towel. Probably was on the bus all day, smoking."

With a chuckle, Manning reminisced, "You don't know how many times I've been asked on the bus, 'do you know where I can get good weed?'"

Though she hasn't been asked for local drugs, Lindsey Kubo, a freshman studying IBM from Sacramento, California, was posed a different question.

"I was going to Ala Moana, and three older guys stepped on the bus. One asked if I knew his daughter," Kubo said, the perplexed look on her face growing as her story progressed. "He told me his daughter's whole life story, about how she ran away. He asked me to say hi to his daughter if I ever ran into her."

"Then," Kubo said, "the guy looked at my friend and said, 'your eyes are so pretty; I should just take them!'"

If you come across any suspicious persons or situations while on TheBus, advise the driver or call 911 immediately.

However, when you get off TheBus liability for your safety falls on you. "Go in groups when possible, and stay in the lighted areas of Laie," said Roy Yamamoto, Assistant Director of Safety and Environment. "Stay on the sidewalk facing traffic. If a student, particularly a female, is listening to their iPod, going with the flow of traffic, they'll be unaware until it's too late if a car drives up and they get pulled in."

JOKKE KOKKONEN

TheBus pulls in to pick up passengers. Photos by Ryan Bagley







## Wall

into accounts, retrieve passwords and divulge personal information without the consent of the account holder. "I did get a virus. I opened a link that someone sent to me. One of them was picture link, and the other one was website link," says Holly Yau, a junior accounting and finance major from Hong Kong.

In many cases, a message, wall post, or link is posted to lure the user to open it, leading them to fake websites and malicious software (malware). This process is commonly referred to as "phishing." In a web article from CNN, Simon Axten, an associate for privacy and public policy at Facebook, said, "Security is a constant arms race. Malicious actors are constantly attacking the site, and what you see is actually a very small percent age of what's attempted."

According to the Washington Post, the amount of Internet fraud complaints by consumers to the FBI increased to 33% in 2008. "I feel my privacy is being invaded with those unwanted wall post," says Frank Sun, a senior business major from China.

Once cyber thieves have infiltrated users' accounts, they can proceed to the list of friends or contacts and repeat the attack on other victims. A reason why this is being done is because cyber criminals are trying to direct and increase traffic flow to their sites, and profit from the number of visitors. They are also trying to obtain private information like passwords, account numbers, and other information for scamming purposes. Alan Kemsley, a junior majoring in ICS from Hong Kong, said the following:

"Sometimes your friends will post completely random and irrelevant comments on your wall. They usually come with a link to go to. If you're smart, you'll know that your friend was a victim of some kind of Internet malware and you won't click on any links. Sometimes these "phishing" scams come in the form of Facebook applications. Sure, we all think Restaurant City or Mob Wars is fun, but by installing random applications onto Facebook pages, some bad stuff can sneak in. The best policy? If you don't need it, don't click it."

—JEFFREY

Cyber criminals are on a rampage, targeting and gathering personal information from people on popular social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, and Twitter. With the amount of personal information so accessible, it is easy for cyber thieves to hack

## GAMING FOR ACADEMICS

An Honors Colloquium speaker on campus, Steve Kent is also a future professor here at BYU Hawai'i. He is the author of five novels and a retired videogame journalist.

Kent started out as a student at BYU-Hawai'i and found himself either writing or waiting for the Game Center to open up in his free time. As a student at BYU-Provo, he wrote book reviews for the Seattle Times.

"I got started in videogame journalism because I couldn't afford a new game," says Kent. "I had written some book reviews for the Seattle Times and asked if I could do a videogame review. I thought I could get a free game that way. When I saw the number of games I got for Thanksgiving, I wondered how many I could get for Christmas."

Journalism was not easy though. "When you review a game you have to finish it completely," said Kent, "and I got about 1500

games a year."

This caused problems for storage. "I couldn't back the car into the garage," Kent said.

When asked about tough times in his career, Kent told a story about writing a strategy guide.

"They sent you a disk with nothing else. The instructions are not printed yet. In three weeks, you have to master the game, figure out all of the secrets in it, write it all up and take all the needed screen captures. I would be playing for 22 hours a day. I was so messed up that near the end I was watching a Jean Claude Van Damme movie... and I cried."

Kent's list of favorite books include such greats as "The Brothers Karamazov," "All Quiet on the Western Front," and "Ananzi Boys."

Brother Kent says he will likely assign "Ananzi Boys" to his classes when he begins teaching, and added that despite his previous experiences, he cannot play Guitar Hero to save his life.

KEITH BORGHOLTHALS



# Boo-it-yourself Costumes

Although Halloween costumes are available at the store, try a cheap, easy, homemade costume that will bring out your creative side and will guarantee that no one will have the exact same outfit as you.

A 1960's hippy can be easy and inexpensive to make as some of the accessories are coming back into style. Start with a pair of jeans with more of a flare at the bottom. Wear a tie-dye shirt, colored sunglasses, a headband across your forehead, sandals, and anything with fringe on it such as a vest or a purse. For guys or girls with a short hair, add a wig with long straight hair.

Another easy costume is an American tourist. For guys, you will need khaki, cargo, or jean shorts, a loud Hawaiian shirt or a T-shirt with the name of a city on it, tennis shoes or flip flops with socks, a baseball cap or sunhat, and a fanny pack. For girls, you can wear the same as the guys or wear a loud dress, flip-flops, sun hat, and

purse. Don't forget a camera and a map hanging out, and that look of being lost.

For couples, try being an old man and old woman. Guys should wear dark pants and roll them up a little bit. Add a white button up shirt with a jacket over the top, a flannel hat, and a cane if you can find one. Girls should wear an old-style dress that goes right below the knee. Add a big black purse, large jewelry, and knee-high stockings and roll them down a little bit. For shoes, wear sneakers or black oxfords. Both can either color their hair with temporary grey hair dye or dust flour in their hair. Winkles can be drawn on with brown eyeliner.

For girls, Miss America is a costume that every girl can find in their or

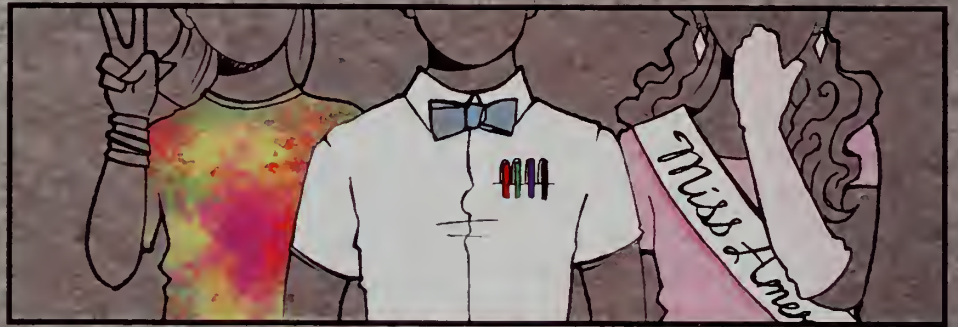
their best friend's closet. Start with an old bridesmaid or formal dress, preferably floor length. Add a pair of gloves, a tiara and oversized jewelry. For the banner, use wide white ribbon and write "Miss America" on it with silver glitter glue.

For all of you closet nerds, here is your chance to come out! Start by slicking your hair back then grab a pair of pants that are too short for you. Add a short-sleeved button down shirt that is a bit too tight. Stick a lot of pens in the pocket and a protractor. Wear high white socks, a backpack, and thick dark rimmed glasses. Remember to tape a corner of them or add a paperclip.

Happy Halloween!

- NICOLE HAMILTON

Illustration by Kent Carollo



## You're never too old to trunk or treat

In the spirit of Halloween, BYUHSA has declared the last week of October to be "Scream 'N Shout, All Week Out!"

Activities begin October 28<sup>th</sup> with the Trunk or Treat. It will be held from 7 to 9PM in the Ballroom. Michael Bacera, member of BYUHSA, gushed, "This is my baby project! Go trick or treating like when you were a kid, play games, dress up, and get your photo taken by photography club!"

The activity incorporates two of BYUHSA's social activities goals—it is TVA applicable (because you shouldn't stop going to activities just because you are married), and it involves clubs into more weekly events, not just big special ones. This is the first time a Trunk or Treat has been held, but Bacera hopes it will work well enough to be done again.

Two days later, on October 30<sup>th</sup>, the Scream 'N Shout will be held at the old gym, from 9 to 12PM. Students are invited to come out and celebrate on the day before

Halloween with sweets, music, and more fun stuff. There will be a costume competition for those people who dress up, as well as a video competition.

The day of Halloween, BYUHSA is hosting a shuttle run to town. The bus is leaving at 8AM and returning at 6PM that evening—early enough to go out to celebrate at nighttime! They will be stopping at the swap meet, Wal-Mart, and the Pearl Ridge Mall. Anyone interested should sign up in the Aloha Center at the front desk, before tickets are sold out!

AMY HANSON

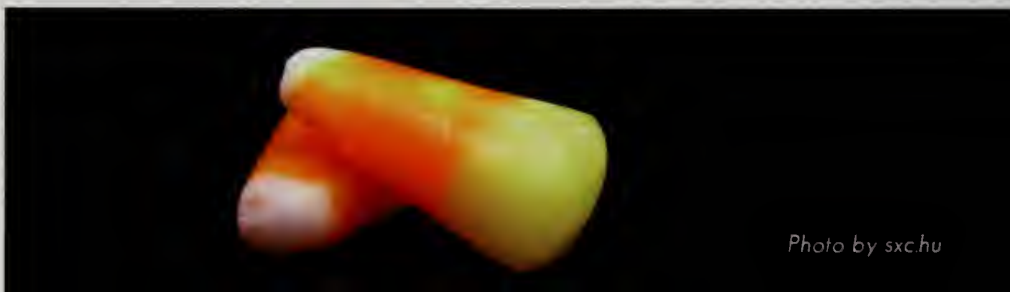


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## BILL CHILD

True to his morals, we can  
learn from his success

In 1995, Bill Child, then owner of R.C. Willey Home Furnishings, sold his company to U.S. investor Warren Buffett for \$175 million in stock. What does the owner of a Utah-based furniture store have in common with Warren Buffet, the second richest man in the world? They each have great admiration for each other.

Bill Child has been invited to speak at the opening session of BYU-Hawaii's Great Ideas Exchange. Child can be heard on Thursday, November 5, at 11:00 AM in the Cannon Activities Center (CAC).

James Ritchie, Director of the Willes Center for International Entrepreneurship, explained the decision behind inviting Child to the Great Idea Exchange. "We decided to bring Bill Child to the Great Idea Exchange because he is a perfect example of the Vision Statement that we're trying to get across: 'think,' 'plan,' and then go home and 'do.'"

Selling R.C. Willey to Warren Buffett was only the capstone to Child's highly successful career, which saw him take over the R.C. Willey company. With annual sales

of only \$250,000 in 1954, Child eventually guided R.C. Willey to annual sales of over \$342 million in 1999. Eventually, it became "a business Warren Buffett would buy."

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LOWS IN HIS FOOTSTEPS IS  
HEADING TRUE NORTH."

- WARREN BUFFET

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Ritchie explained, the Center for International Entrepreneurship is organizing something for each part of the Vision Statement: the Great Idea Exchange in the fall, where you 'think' of ideas; the Conference of Champions in the spring, where you 'plan' out your ideas; and, in the summer, students can go home and 'do' or implement their ideas.

Most notable among Child's admirable characteristics was his determination to keep his stores closed on Sundays. Despite this unorthodox policy, Buffett agreed at the time of buying R.C. Willey to maintain it as long as the stores continued to be successful.

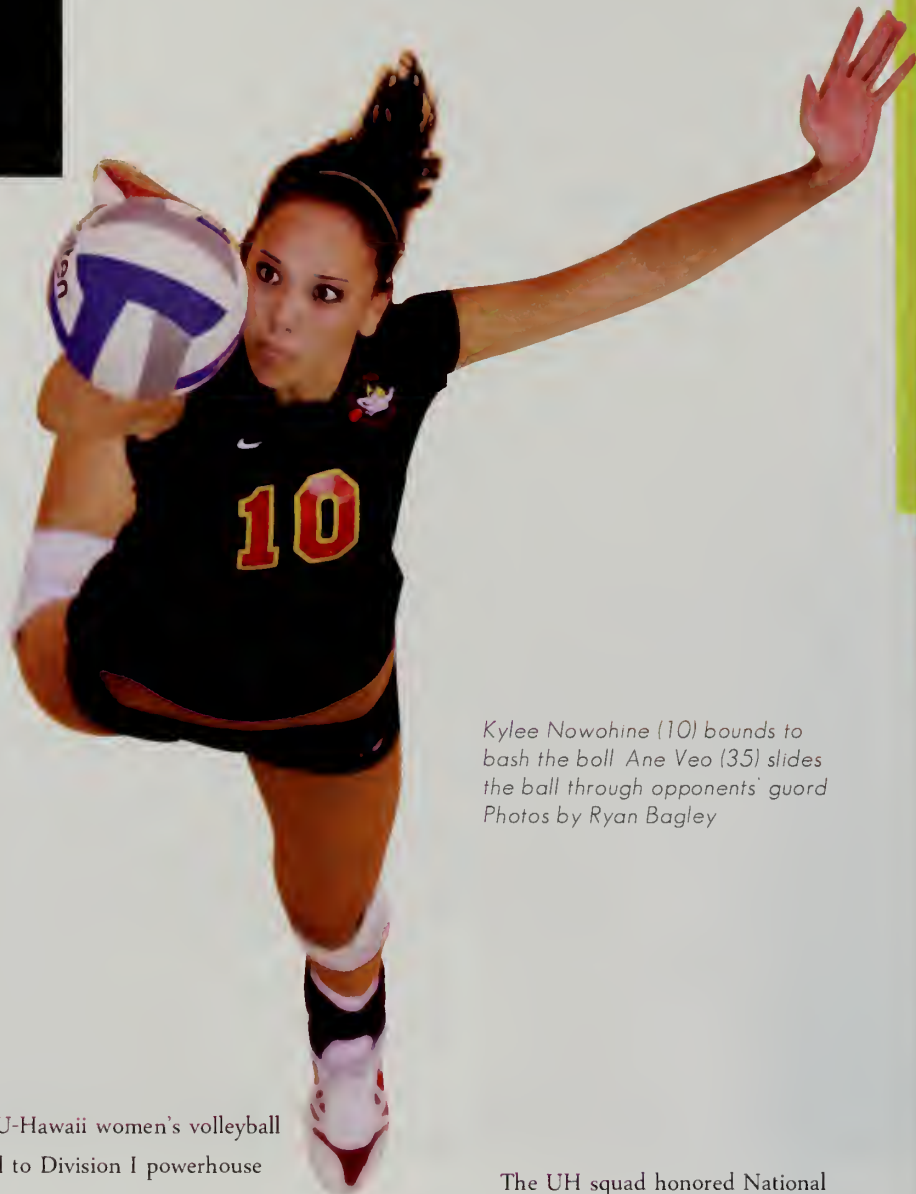
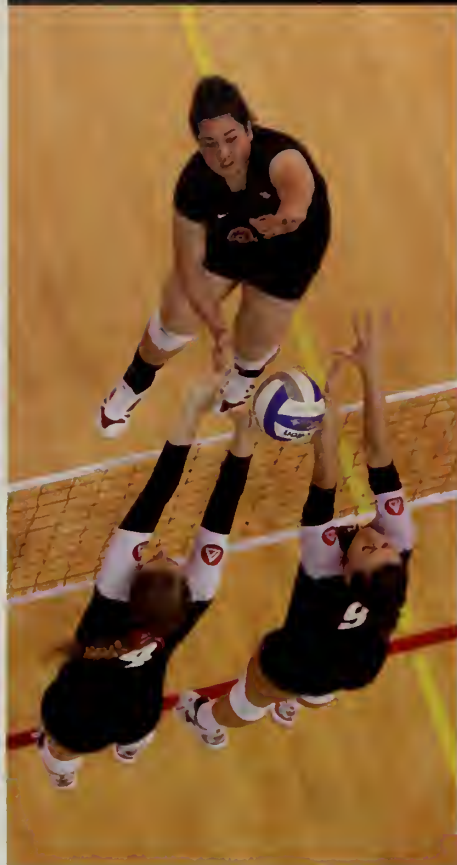
Child not only maintained the store's success, but also expanded to new locations, continued to drive up the company's annual sales, and won the admiration of Buffett in the process.

"We're trying to convey to the whole school that this Great Idea Exchange is not just a game. We just want students to think, "What am I doing with my education and is it going to give me what I need to have to make a living and to become self-reliant when I go home?"

"Bill Child represents the best of America. In matters of family, philanthropy, business, or just plain citizenship, anyone who follows in his footsteps is heading true north," Buffet said in "How to Build a Business Warren Buffett Would Buy: The R.C. Willey Store."

JESSE SPARKS





Kylee Nowohine (10) bounds to bash the ball. Ane Veo (35) slides the ball through opponents' guard.  
Photos by Ryan Bagley

## SEASIDERS STUMBLE TO TOP-RANKED TEAM

Pink shirts worn for  
cancer awareness

The BYU-Hawaii women's volleyball team fell to Division I powerhouse University of Hawaii-Manoa 3-0 on Friday, October 23. The non-conference game was held in honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

BYUH matched up against the number three in the nation Rainbow Wahine in front of 7,000 fans at the Stan Sheriff Center in Honolulu. BYUH gave a good fight but fell short in three straight sets. The first two sets were won handily by UH, 25-14, 25-11. In the third set BYUH pressured the Rainbow Wahine early and kept it close at 10-7 before falling behind and coming up short at 25-17.

The UH squad honored National Breast Cancer Awareness Month by wearing pink jerseys and the 7,000 spectators in the stands showed support for a good cause.

The Seasideers fell to 13-11 for the season while the Warriors improved to 18-2. Sophomore Losaline Faka'osi had 6 kills and 11 digs to lead the Seasideers. Hannah Wilkin-son had 4 kills and a solid hitting percentage of .364. Junior middle Tanza Buroker had 3 blocks against the taller players from UH. Kanani Danielson had 11 kills to lead UH hitters. Stephanie Ferrell had 10 kills and six different players had 5 kills or more.

The next game for BYU-Hawaii is on October 31 against the number one team in the conference, UH-Hilo. The game will be in Laie at 7:30 pm.

VIKTOR BEZHANI



# lady seaisiders soccer

## Ranked #2 in PacWest

Not a single shot was fired on the BYU-Hawaii women's soccer team in its dominating 3-0 victory over the Academy of Art Urban Knights on Monday, October 26. The Seaisiders improved to 12-3 overall and 9-2 in the Pacific West Conference following their fourth home game in seven days.

Center midfielder Natasha Aiono opened the scoring for the Seaisiders in the sixth minute of the game, netting her seventh goal of the season with a crossing shot from the right side that found the left corner of the goal. Outside back Rachel Johnson assisted her on the play. Freshman forward Sadie Simon quickly followed suit, scoring just three minutes later on a one-on-one with the Urban Knights goalkeeper after a pass from Kim Herrera.

The Seaisiders continued to put the pressure on, taking 22 total shots for the game, but were unable to get another goal until Tara McPartland found Margaret Sekona on a crossing pass in the 77<sup>th</sup> minute. Sekona's header bounced past the Academy of

Art's keeper for the final score of the game and Sekona's fifth of the season. Lauren Reich was also credited with an assist on the play.

The stalwart defense completely shut down the Urban Knight attack, giving goalie Becky Ploeger her eighth shutout of the season for the Seaisiders. The win keeps BYUH firmly in second place in the PacWest behind undefeated Dixie State with just three games remaining for the season. Academy of Art dropped to 1-13-2 overall and 1-7-2 in the PacWest.

The Seaisider women will continue play on November 3 against the Vulcans of UH-Hilo. Game time is set for the PacWest Conference contest at 12:00 pm in Laie.

— SAM AKINAKA AND SCOTT FLOWE

*Above: Lauren Reich prepares for a header. Below: Ashley Hunter gets ready to kick the ball.*  
Photos by Ryan Bagley







BYUH student G. Trent Johnson  
Photo by Aissa Mitton

## Students are part of the community, too

As most of us have read, recently there was a letter published in the Ke Alakai that unintentionally upset a certain percentage of the BYUH student body. In response to this negative and controversial letter I wish to outline what the so called, "community," can do for the students.

First, there is a distinction between those in the community and the students. If the students are to respect the community,

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When you separate the students and the community, you are building walls that will halt and hinder the relationship...

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why not acknowledge we are a part of it? We live here in Laie, just like those who call themselves community members. This university drives this part of Oahu. To take it away would be to dissolve a large portion of the population. We are a part of the community, whether you agree with me or not. When you separate the students and the community, you are building walls that will halt and hinder the relationship that we, as students, would like to have as citizens of the community we live in.

Second, the behavior of students in the streets of Laie. Adults in a college community, individually and collectively, can and will be loud. There are times when this loudness can be inappropriate and I myself wish to apologize for that. For someone to single out just the students of BYUH as the noise makers, however, should first point their finger at themselves. Laie has a very wide range of ages that roam the streets at all times of the day and to say that only the students of BYUH make noise is wrong. We are not the only ones on the streets that walk to school in the morning and walk around in the evening.

There are laws that have been passed that prevent people from making noise that exceeds the amount of keeping the peace. If students walking down the street and talking on the phone irritates other residents, too bad. Unless you live in an extremely abnormal community, there will be people outside, in public, making noise. I pay taxes that help grow this community that we all live in, and for someone to come out and say that I am disrupting the community that I am a part of by making noise is wrong. If you disagree with my statements, then I

suggest you appeal to the State Legislature and ask them to pass a law that forces people to walk in silence as they go to and fro in public. Until that law gets passed, I have a right as a citizen of this community, to do as I please as long as I am abiding by the laws of the land and the laws of the honor code!

Third, we as students are all adults and can make decisions on our own. If a student wishes to break the Honor Code, that is their choice and they will have to face the consequences. But it is not our job to point fingers and judge those who break it. As students, we have read our rules and know them. The last thing that we want or need is someone who is not in authority telling us how we are bad people. I understand that people who do police our actions might

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...Students at BYUH are people, and we do not like to be targeted or belittled...

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feel as though they are doing a service to the community and to the students, by calling us out on our shortcomings. To be blunt, you are not.

My intentions are to simply inform the community that students at BYUH are people, and we do not like to be targeted or belittled because of our status as students. We are the future of this world and we deserve to be treated with respect in that regard. In return for the respect that we receive we will respect those who have paved the paths to help us have a brighter future.

-G. TRENT JOHNSON



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## LDS NFL Players

The 2009 National Football Association has 33 Latter-day Saints on their roster for this season. Of these 33, 15 are returned missionaries. "Since there are so many people watching and paying attention to national football, it brings the players a lot of responsibility to repre-

## LDS NFL Players continued

well so others have a better understanding of what we (the church) are about."

Ivan Goldtooth, a senior in biology from St. George, Utah, said, "It reminds me of the time Gordon B. Hinckley was interviewed and asked why we don't have crosses up in our church. He told them the symbol of our faith is in the members. When you have a person living the gospel, whether a high-profile celebrity or a student at BYU-Hawaii, it's always good for the church."

Maddie Kite, IDS sophomore from Florida, said, "My dad played in the NBA with the Celtics. There were three members on the team and everyone was aware that they were Mormon. People were always watching them, waiting for them to mess up. It's a big pressure for professional athletes, and I appreciate it when they represent us well."

One such representative is Kevin Curtis. He is an LDS returned missionary from London, England, and a starter for the Eagles. Before joining the NFL, Curtis was the all-time leading receiver at Utah State University and later was a third-round draft pick of the St. Louis Rams in 2003. Of his football career Curtis said, "I feel very fortunate that I'm still able to do this and do it for a living. Sometimes I can't believe I'm still playing football."

For more on this topic, visit the Ke Alaka'i Website.

-ASHLEN QUIRANTE AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## cash on delivery



## Cash On Delivery play

Campus production of "Cash on Delivery" begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 5 and plays each evening through Saturday. Price is \$2/student and \$4/faculty. Tickets are available in the Aloha Center or at the door.



## Christmas Music

How soon is too soon for Christmas music? Some say Thanksgiving is the starting point, but the campus bookstore was playing it Nov. 2. On our campus, most students who were asked agreed that as soon as Halloween is over, it's game-time for the Christmas Spirit.



## Rescued Eagle Scout Served Bill by State

Seventeen-year-old Scott Mason was stranded on a snowy mountainside in New Hampshire. After three days, he was rescued, and became the recipient of a bill from the state of New Hampshire - \$25,734.65! Photo by AP.



## Cheeseburger in Paradise

This classy, successful burger joint in Waikiki is consistently praised for its wonderful customer service, its friendly atmosphere and irresistible burgers. Customers say "you can tell it's not a burger that's been frozen for months... It's fresh."



## Station reopens: Students unhappy with mini-mart prices

The Chevron gas station has reopened again, and students expressed their happiness at not having to drive to Kahuku or Kaaawa to get gas or food. "It is much more convenient not having to plan out when I will go get gas. Rather, I can again just get gas when I need it," said Kiley Bishop, senior in ICS from Mililani.

However students voiced their opinions about the high prices at the Chevron mini-mart. "We were extremely hungry and really wanted some snacks, but it was a little late and not a lot was actually opened around us, so we decided to go check out the newly reopened Chevron station," said Logan Young, sophomore from California in IBM.

"When we got there, prices were outrageous," said Medel Hernandez, senior in IT from the Philippines, "so we decided to hitchhike to 7-Eleven in Hauula."

Young and Hernandez explained how they took full advantage of the trip. "I bought everything I could get my hands on, and still spent half as much as I would have spent at the Chevron station," Hernandez said.

"The bad side of our story was that we had to walk home," Young said. At that comment, Hernandez looked down at the band-aids all over his feet, covering blisters from the three-mile walk. "The good side of our story," Young continued with a smile, "is

# Chevron



that I bought a Monster for half the price of Chevron, which gave me the energy to walk home."

-KYLE HOWARD

## BYUH HALLOWEEN FESTIVITIES

Let the festivities begin! BYU-Hawaii kicked off Halloween a day early on Oct. 30.

"It's my first Halloween and I'm 19! It's not as big in New Zealand as it is in America. Dressing up is exciting," said Destinee Robinson, a junior in History from New Zealand.

The Club Dining Facility was the first to begin the celebrations. Its pre-Halloween dinner menu consisted of Bat Wings (chicken wings), Bloody Beef Potpie (beef potpie), Mummy's Mush (vegetarian potpie) and candy.

"It took me back to my mission when I ate bat in Niue," said Alma Fonua, a senior in IBM from Utah.

That night, BYUHSA held a trunk-or-treat for the keikis. Five different clubs participated in this by setting up a booth where they each passed out candy and provided a game.

"One of the goals of our is to get more TVA involvement in BYUHSA. We want to do more family oriented events that they will enjoy," said Mike Bacera, the BYUHSA officer who organized the trunk-or-treat and is a sophomore in math from California.

Later that night, the Scream-and-Shout Dance was held in the Aloha Center Ballroom. Students dressed up in many ways - from homemade greaser, tourist, and Indian

outfits, to a Teletubbie, Disney Princess, and a Ghost Buster.

There were costume contests as well, in which students got to show off their costumes to the crowd.

Caroline Agnew, a junior in elementary education and special education from Canada, who entered the costume contest as Cinderella, said, "I like Halloween because you get to dress up and be a princess for a day. I came because I wanted to show off the costume that I made."

NICOLE HAMILTON



# ENVISION LAIE: DESIGN PLANS PROGRESS

Plans for future expansion in the Laie community are in progress. People from the community have heard and are becoming involved with what is known as Envision Laie. Director of Communications and Marketing for BYUH Michael Johanson described Envision Laie as a process involving three operational entities in the community: HRI, BYUH and the Polynesian Cultural Center. According to the Envision Laie Website, the purpose of this process is "planning a future that protects quality of life and emphasizes the values of the people who live in the Koolau Loa region."

There are a few key requests that Envision Laie is trying to have considered. One of these is affordable housing. "Envision Laie is not a group of developers, the purpose is to allow for sustainability," said Johanson.

BYUH currently has housing designations where housing expansion can take place. "If we use the designations now, it will close in the campus preventing expansion. We want a walk-in campus. We are trying to shift the land designations to Malaekahana [land owned by the church across from the Malaekahana state park]," said Johanson.

He continued, "The cost for 2,500 students is expensive. The best way to bring the cost per student down is to scale it up by increasing the number of students. We're currently at capacity." To increase the student body means to expand the school as well as provide housing for the students.

One of the concerns is that there is no longer affordable housing in the

community. Johanson said, "How will we allow for people who grew up here to stay in Laie?" Community member and BYUH History Professor Cynthia Compton said much of the housing here has been bought up by outsiders. With the Envision Laie plans, affordable housing will be provided and constructed from eco-friendly materials.

Housing isn't the only thing that Envision Laie is looking into. Every aspect that goes into a community, agriculture, transportation, housing, etc., is being considered. Johanson said the world's experts are looking at how to solve transportation problems and initiatives are being considered. One proposal is to open up and develop Cane Haul Road, an old road that branches off of Kam Highway and cuts around Laie. Another idea is to minimize driving around campus by making it an all-walk campus and allowing for students to take shuttles to and from Honolulu when needed.

Johanson stressed that everything is still in the planning stages. "Much needs to be done on the governmental side, as well as planned meetings with the city council, which is the governing body which will give approval or not. The governing board of the Church Educational System will also have to approve it," he said.

Johanson also stressed that if any questions or concerns arise, there is a Website at [Envisionlaie.com](http://Envisionlaie.com) where more information can be found including any updates. Community members can also make suggestions, share their ideas, and voice their concerns.

-TRUSTEN LEACH

## International students pump money into Hawaii, says study

International students and their dependents spent \$160 million in Hawaii during the last academic year, according to a study released at the end of October by the state and the Hawaii-Pacific division of NAESA: Association of International Educators.

The state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism says the financial estimate is based on surveys of Hawaii schools authorized by the Department of Homeland Security to enroll nonimmigrant students.

Although the survey presents a large amount of imported income, BYU-Hawaii has seen a shortage of international students in comparison to past years. Pat Macy, advisor of International Student Services, said, "This year is the lowest we have had of international students. We are under 50 percent." Macy said the largest drop specifically has come in the number of Polynesian students at BYUH.

"Most are on scholarship at school," Macy said, pointing out that BYUH students are possibly on the thrifty end of the spending spectrum.

The institutions surveyed included universities and colleges, as well as vocational, language, technical and high schools.

According to the survey the top five places of origin for the more than 13,000 international students were Japan, South Korea, Switzerland, Taiwan and China.

KYLE HOWARD  
AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS







Nearly half of the student body of BYU-Hawaii is comprised of international students, the majority of whom are not allowed to drive. Students from all over the world, many of which have licenses to drive in their home countries, have had to adjust to decreased mobility while attending this school.

I-WORK is one reason that students cannot drive here, but for the most part international students are not allowed to drive because their licenses are not honored in the United States. Additionally, in foreign countries, obtaining a driver's license can be much more difficult, time consuming, and expensive. Ayako Matsuyama, a sophomore undeclared major from Japan, said, "The driving age in Japan is 18, and it is just too

expensive and I don't have time for driving school."

Concerning adjusting to the driving conditions in America, Matsuyama also said, "It's kind of scary...in Japan we drive on the left side."

A few international students believe that not being able to drive at BYU-Hawaii is not a big problem.

Seiya Watanabe, a sophomore chemistry major from Japan, previously attended BYU in Provo. Watanabe said, "In Provo a car is necessary because everything is far away. But here it's okay because my friends have cars." Having many friends with cars makes it easier for these students to get around the island.

In some international students' home countries, it is not too difficult to go from place to place. "Back home I don't need a car to get around," said Johanna Hagman, a freshman political science major from Sweden. According to Hagman, people in Sweden either walk, bike, or take the bus to get places, so not being able to drive here is not much of a change of pace for her.

Hawaii's bus system can take a person virtually anywhere on the island, but students complain the bus takes too long, many trips lasting an hour and a half to two hours. Trips to Honolulu and other places that would normally take a few hours end up taking half a day because of lengthy bus rides, said students.

BEN HALE



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## FROSTED FUDGY CHOCOHOLIC BROWNIES

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- 2 (1oz) squares unsweetened chocolate
- 2 (1oz) squares semi sweet chocolate
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups slightly chopped walnuts (optional)

### Frosting

- 1/2 cup cocoa
- 1 box powdered sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 stick butter
- 5 to 6 Tablespoons boiling water

Mix first 3 ingredients together. Beat eggs, adding sugar. Combine with butter and chocolate. Mix the dry ingredients together. Mix in chocolate mixture, mixing well. Add vanilla and walnuts. Pour into a lightly Pam sprayed 9X13 inch pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes. Insert toothpick, and if it comes out clean remove from oven. Cool and frost.

Combine everything but the water. Add mixture 1 tablespoon at a time to the water until smooth and creamy.

SUZANNE TUTTLE

## CHOCOLATE CHIP PUMPKIN BREAD

### Ingredients:

- 3 cup flour
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 4 eggs
- 2 cup sugar
- 2 cups canned pumpkin
- 1 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 1/2 cups semi-sweet mini chocolate chips

In a large bowl combine flour, cinnamon, salt, and baking soda. In another bowl beat eggs, sugar, pumpkin, and oil. Stir into the dry ingredients until just moistened. Fold in chocolate chips. Pour into 2 large greased loaf pans or miniature loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 60 to 70 minutes in large loaf pan and 25 to 30 minutes for mini loaf pans. Let cool and slice. A great fall treat!

-SUZANNE TUTTLE



## Santiago: Here to serve and secure students

The maroon trucks of campus Security are a daily sight to students of BYU-Hawaii, but the lesser-known officers inside have more to say. Lora Santiago of campus Safety and Security took an hour outside of work to share how she felt about the students at BYUH and her duty in helping keep the campus safe for them. She has been an officer since 1998.

"I think anybody who gets caught doing anything is naturally going to feel like they are being wronged," Santiago said. "But it is for their safety that these rules are enforced."

Santiago explained why she enforces the rules strongly: "We try to prevent something before a woman gets raped, or a man run over on a skateboard. It has nothing to do with me picking on a student."

Santiago brought up another point. "Nobody reports when we save a life. Nobody ever hears about that. But I know

and that's why I'm here – not for the petty citations."

When asked about her feelings pertaining to the treatment she receives from students, Santiago frowned. "I really don't like how male students disrespect me because I am a female officer. I don't know if they feel intimidated or if they have small man syndrome."

Santiago explained that many of the students who are caught will throw the tickets on the ground in front of her. "It really hurts when the defiant ones are returned missionaries. Does the Honor Code mean

nothing to them when they turn around and bad mouth me?"

A smile came to Santiago's face as she turned the conversation to a happier point. "I look at my job as if I'm educating students. As many complaints as we have had, we have had even more 'Thank you's' and pleasant remarks. She shared that she has always explained her seven sons that ignorance is not an excuse.

"I have so many students who say I'm the bomb. I don't know what that means, but that's what they say." At this point, the student dispatchers in the next room over laughed and came in to joke with her.

-KYLE HOWARD



## Campus Security reinforces need for students to obey traffic laws



Security at BYU-Hawaii, in one way or another, has influenced students on campus. Charged with protecting the property, employees, students and visitors, Security officers patrol campus 24 hours a day looking to prevent crime or other violations. Common violations students commit have to do with how they get around the university.

If you've ever ridden a bike or skated on the sidewalk, or done either against the flow of traffic on the road, you've possibly been warned, or even fined, by a campus Security officer.

"I got a ticket the other day for skating on the sidewalk and going the wrong

direction," said freshman Anthony Gonzalez from Draper, Utah.

"I try to enforce the Security regulations but at the same time I am a student myself so I see the other side too," said William Barber, sophomore from Norwich, England majoring in English literature who works for Security.

Though some students may not appreciate certain regulations, campus Security is working for the protection of students. "People on campus might disagree with some rules, but Security operates for only one reason and that is the students' safety," said Barber.

VIKTOR BEZHANI

Photo illustrations by Aissa Mitton



# HEALTH & AWARENESS

Not one student employee was present at the Health and Wellness Fair on Oct. 28 in the Aloha Center for all full and part time employees of BYU Hawaii.

Over half of the information offered was relevant to students, especially pertaining to preventative measures that could save them from corrective expenses later in life.

The fair was put on by Deseret Mutual and travels around to not only church campuses, but other campuses and institutions also.

Jake Murdock, director of Pharmacy for Deseret Mutual, shared comments about coming to BYUH specifically. "We're just really trying to attack the needs of the community here. What is lucky about the BYUH campus specifically is the we come here every year, whereas BYU-Idaho we visit every other year."

Murdock went on to explain that this year was the best visit yet. "We had well over 200 people," he said. "The program is here to encourage good health, so we are happy with the turnout."

The morning of the fair offered a general health check up to those employees that came. Seminars pertaining to health issues encountered by the general population were held from late morning until early afternoon.

Dr. Kevin Baize, who has been working in the Laie and surrounding areas for 15 years, spoke specifically about eye care. He said, "100 years ago, only 10 percent of students needed eye correction. Now if you go to a university, somewhere like Berkeley, 98 percent of students need eye corrections," he explained, catching the attention of the audience as many faces turned to listen.

Baize followed up with the statement, "the No. 1 eye surgery in America is cataract surgery." He used the rest of his time to explain different corrections possible and then opened up for any questions.

The fair concluded with a dinner banquet for all those who participated in the event.

-DAVID BURROWS

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## Oahu's

Hawaii is well known for being the ideal tourist spot, but there are certain aspects to this paradise that elude most people. There are stories spoken in hushed whispers that would give a chill to even the bravest individual. Ke Alaka'i brings you a paltry sample of locales that are frequented by paranormal activity and has been a favorite places for the thrill seeker and the adventurer.



**The Atlas Insurance Building, 1150 S. King St-**The residents of this building speak of strange noises and ghoulish sounds in the depths of the night. Patrons of the neighboring karaoke room 2, which relocated a few years ago, reported feelings of uneasiness in the women's restroom. Some claimed they've seen a ghost appear in the bathroom mirror.



**The 16th Avenue Bridge in Kaimuki-**An appalling story from six years ago tells of a little girl killed in a horrifying hit-and-run on this bridge. Residents say her spirit still haunts the area, asking pedestrians for help to get home only to disappear and reappear at the end of the bridge.



**Pacific Isle Mortgage, 379 Kamehameha Highway Suite B, in Pearl City-**Workers reported strange phenomenon involving weird lights and miscellaneous items disappearing and reappearing as if to annoy and taunt them. A woman felt someone playing with her hair, but when she turned around to see who it was there was no one there to be found. Several heard children laughing and running through the hallways only to find that there was nobody there.




**The Banyan Tree at the Manoa Falls Trail-**The Hawaiian culture has long considered Banyan trees as a gathering site of otherworldly creatures. One of the more well-known ones is at the trailhead of Manoa Falls. It is known as a peaceful holding area for these roaming souls. "Uncle Joe" Espinda, a tour guide on Oahu Ghost Tours, said this tree is in the path of the night marchers, ghosts of ancient Hawaiian warriors. On some nights, he says, you can hear the faint sound of drumming and clatter of weapons.




*Photos courtesy of Google*







Old Waialae Drive-In Theater, Waialae Avenue - An out-door theater next to a graveyard is a prime location for ghost sightings and this place is no exception. For years, there were stories about a faceless woman who haunted the women's bathroom, pounding on stall doors or appearing in the mirror. She is often seen floating around a few inches off the floor and has never looked at anyone straight in the face; she would look at people with a sidelong glance as if considering them to be a victim.




The White Lady of Pali Highway.: Sightings of this infamous lady usually occur in the dead of the night as the story goes. She will ask for a ride and if you don't give her one the locals swear that she will appear in your car a little ways down. If this doesn't cause you to get in an accident, her "eyeless" stare will give you nightmares for months to come.




Kipapa Gulch in Mililani: Battle-grounds are often visited by the combatants that had died there in often violent ways and this bridge, along the ravine, has also been the site of numerous head-on accidents. This place is supposedly also in the path of the "night marchers" who proceed with torches from the mountains to the ocean. Residents and those who work in the area have reported seeing lights move down the mountainside and into the gap and hearing the sounds of people crying under the bridge.



Oahu Community Correctional Center, 2199 Kamehameha Highway in Kalihi: A former sight of the Oahu prison. Nearly 50 men were hung at the gallows between 1909 and 1944, when the prison was converted to an office. Several employees report they have trouble staying at one place longer than five minutes because of a chill that would crawl on their backs at the rooms located next to the execution chamber. Rattling jail doors and chilling moans coming from the dark have often resulted in employees quitting their jobs out of fright.



Hamilton Library at the University of Hawaii-Manoa: Employees and students claim they've heard strange noises and seen apparitions lurking in the library aisles and in the bathrooms nearby. Several janitors reported seeing a young local woman dressed in a pink muumuu walking around the mauka wing of the first floor. The woman would stare from a far and then vanish when you try to get a better look of her.



Shark's Cove, North Shore - Generally a prime place for snorkeling, Shark's Cove is a favorite even for locals. Mrs. Lekiki Soliel, however, tells of the murder of a French man by his friends near the east edges of the cove over a game of cards. The bone-chilling murder was committed in the early 1900s and is usually known only to long-time residents of the area. The murderers were found innocent and, for this reason, it is said by the locals

that the French man's spirit refuses to rest.

Sources of these stories of hauntings and more can be found through these providers: Preston Galera, of the Hawaiian Island Ghost Hunters; Joe Espinda, of Oahu Ghost Tours; and Lekiki Soliel, a retired fashion designer and resident of Pupukea.

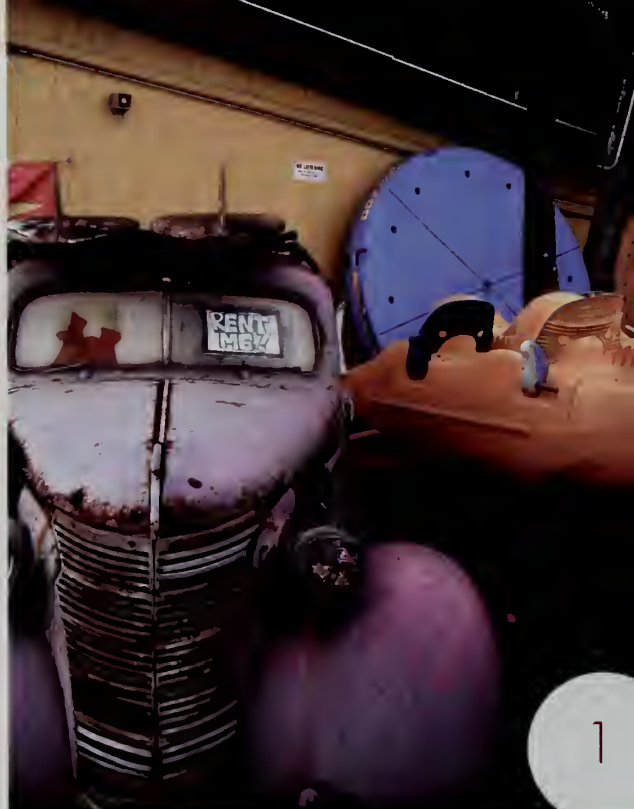
-KEITH MARCELINO



# WHERE IS IT?

Think you know all the hot spots on Oahu? Put your observation skills to the test by identifying the location of these favorite local landscapes.

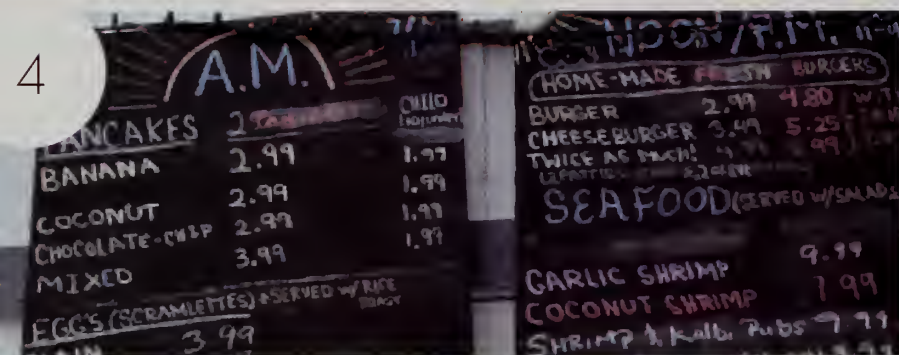
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## Women's and men's soccer both beat UH-Hilo

Both the BYU Hawaii women's and men's soccer teams edged out UH Hilo 1-0 on Nov. 3 in their Pacific West Conference matches played on a wet field in Laie.

The Lady Seasideers, 13-3 overall and 10-2 in the PacWest, dominated their game, out-shooting the Vulcans 23-2, but could only get one of the shots to go in the goal.

After a scoreless first half, freshman Sadie Simon broke through for the Seasideers in the 61st minute, scoring her third goal of the season from straight in front off a corner kick by Emily Mearns followed by a chest pass from Natasha Aiono. The Seasideers continued to put pressure on the Vulcans, getting off 15 of their shots in the second half, but Simon's goal remained the only score of the game.

Seasideer goalie Becky Ploeger recorded her ninth shutout of the season for BYU-Hawaii by making just a single save. With the loss, UH-Hilo dropped to 3-11-4 for the season and 2-7-3 in the PacWest.

BYUH's next match will be on Nov. 5 against Chaminade. Game time is set for the Pacific West Conference contest at 10 a.m. in Honolulu.

The men's team won their match on a last minute goal by senior Adam Maciejewski. On senior day, Maciejewski provided himself with the perfect sendoff in the final home game of his career by booting home the game winner at the 89:22 mark of the match.

BYUH dominated the opening period, out shooting the Vulcans 9-2 before halftime, but failed to find the mark and the teams were scoreless at the intermission. UH Hilo held the upper hand through most of the second half, out shooting the Seasideers 10-5 in the period, but BYU-Hawaii goalie Cory Cosgrave came up with five of his six saves in the game in the second period to keep the Vulcans off the scoreboard. Maciejewski finally drilled in a shot from 15 yards out off a touch pass from Prescott McArthur to give the Seasideers the win.

The men finished with a 14-12 advantage in shots as they improved to 7-8-1 for the season and 6-5-1 in the PacWest. UH-Hilo is now 9-9 overall and 8-4 in the conference.

The BYUH men will be in action again on Nov. 5 against Chaminade at noon also in Honolulu.

SCOTT LOWE



Na 11 Jared Trussell, a freshman from West Jordan, Utah, takes on an opponent in a home game in October. Photo by Ryan Bagley



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## BRING YOUR OWN SOCKS TO THE GAME CENTER

Despite offering everything from bowling and billiards to video games and a massage chair, many students either do not know about the on-campus Game Center, don't have time for it, or simply do not want to go, according to Ikaika Kulukului, an employee at the game center and a freshman in music from Kaneohe.

As explained on an official mission statement on their Website, the Game Center "is a place where BYUH students, faculty, staff, and the community can come and enjoy recreational activities at reasonable rates while on campus."

Natassia Machado, a senior in political science from Brazil, said that she feels that she knows some of the reasons why students like her avoid the game center. "They designed the game center so that students wouldn't have to go into town to have fun," Machado said, "but I feel it's not appealing because we are all so tired of stay-

ing in the campus environment all day. We want to get away from it. Plus... it always feels like 'Big Brother' is watching us there."

Erica Lyle, a sophomore in EXS from Arizona, said that she enjoyed her one time bowling at the game center despite occasional problems. Her reason for not going more often is that she "found other stuff to do" including "school, work, and the beach" or hanging out with friends in the Hales or the Aloha Center.

However, Abram Wimmer, a junior in IBM from Maui, said that he loves spending time at the game center, and even visits it up to around three times per week.

"I play ping pong and drums on Guitar Hero: World Tour a lot," Wimmer said. "The pool table is sick, the couches comfy, and there are big fatty TVs for Guitar Hero. It's good, and there's lots of space for my wild swing in ping pong."

Besides the bowling alley, there

are two pool tables, a ping pong table, an air hockey table, big screen TV's, a Wii, and XBOX 360—with Guitar Hero hookups—and other arcade type games in the game center. Some of the most popular games on XBOX include Guitar Hero and Halo.

Kulukului said that the "bowling alley is up and working right now," and that if there are any little problems they can be fixed.

"Besides the beach, where else can you have fun in Laie?" Kulukului said. "Here you can play the games, there's music, or you can come in and dance. If people come in and want to dance I will turn the lights off for them."

The Game Center is located in the Aloha Center and is open weekdays from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Saturdays, and 3 p.m. until midnight on Fridays.

—DAVID BURROWS



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### SID Club needs members

"It's a really new club, and everyone keeps graduating or leaving so we have to keep restarting," Kylie Turley, junior in ICS from Idaho said about the Students for International Development Club.

## SID Club continued

The club focuses on creating funds to donate to those countries in need around the world.

Turley created a blog for the club for members and nonmembers of the club alike. "It is supposed to be a way for us to stay in contact and see what is going on." "I don't feel like it's productive though because no one looks at it but me."

Turley also stated that the link on the BYUH club page was inactive for the SID Club and that could have something to do with the lack of knowledge students have of their club.

Despite these step backs, SID is actively moving forward with club activities.

Turley spoke of a time when the club sent its collected funds to Africa, where plans were made to build a new water well. The well that was built allowed for clean water rather than the muddy water the people were previously using.

"We also allow the people we send the funds to to decide what they would like to use them for," Turley said.

Calli Mechem, senior in IBM from Arizona shared some upcoming events that the SID Club will be devoting their time to. "We will be visiting an old folk's home and helping with their many needs. We will also be helping out at the Kahuku and Laie farms," she said.

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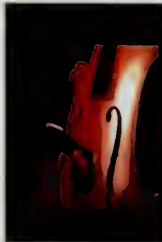
### Seating to be limited at regional conference

Admission to the regional conference, to be held in the CAC on Nov 21-22, is for all BYUH students and members of the Laie North Stake, but seating is limited, and no one will be admitted without a ticket. Please see your bishop for details, and arrive early to get your seats.



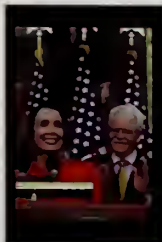
### Ke Alaka'i wants to show your film!

Ke Alaka'i and the campus news center are pleased to provide the Ke Alaka'i Film Festival, but we need your submissions. Festival will be held Thursday, Nov 18 in GCB 185 from 7-10pm. Submissions need to be turned into the News Center (ACR 134) by 5pm on Nov 18.



### String Ensemble performance coming up

If you enjoy orchestral music, free up your schedule for the coming week. Our very own campus String Ensemble is scheduled to perform in the McKay Auditorium on Friday, Nov 20.



### House of Representatives passes Health Care Bill

The House of Representatives, last Saturday, passed a historic Health Care bill they hope will create better chances for the Health Care reform America wants. The bill narrowly passed, with Republican opposition only five votes behind the victorious Democrats. Photo by AP.



# FILM MAKER DAVIS: ACTING ON INSPIRATION BRINGS SUCCESS



"Whatever Heavenly Father tells you to do, do it. He will help you. Do it with from the standpoint of fidelity to your God, spouse, children, etc., and you will change the world." This counsel to BYU-Hawaii students came from Mitch Davis, director and screenwriter for the movie "The Other Side of Heaven," during his speech on Nov. 6 as part of the Great Ideas Conference. Davis' speech was based on his conviction that his audience, BYUH students, will be future world leaders and that they have the capacity to change the world as President David O. McKay prophesied.

"The last thing the world needs is leaders who have sold their souls to have a voice," Davis cautioned. He outlined what students need to remember, in order to avoid

such a fate, which is to know "who we are, why are we here," and the LDS values that are important to them.

In teaching who we are, Davis recalled how he used to marvel at the beauty and wonders of God's creation and how he would ask: "Of all these creations, tell me, which is your grandest accomplishments? Is it the Grand Canyon? The Galaxy? Mount Everest?" The answer that came was the memory of a "boy in the mud" from his mission in Argentina, and we are children of the same God who loves us all equally.

Continuing on, Davis taught "our purpose in this life is not to 'prove ourselves to God, but to develop faith in ourselves... to prove to ourselves what [God] has been trying to tell us." He said, "when you envi-

sion God going down and make sense of a...planet or universe without life or void- it is not really that different" from deciding whether to go on a mission to a foreign land and speak a foreign language, or deciding to get married and have children when it does not make any financial sense.

In conclusion, the BYU Provo alum counseled students to hold onto their values, which include fidelity and love. Fidelity is a "central component of leadership," Davis said, a value that is "mocked in the world today."

"You are going to change the world. You have no choice. It is up to you. You have to be, because you know who you are, and where you are going," Davis said.

Hemalata Tatafu

# CHILD: DO WHAT YOU LOVE

"Success can't be measured by money," said Bill Child of R.C. Willey Home Furnishings. "Success is doing what you enjoy."

He stated three points that will give BYUH students a competitive advantage over other students. "Know that you can compete with the other guys, you're LDS, and you live the Word of Wisdom."

Child is a well-known name in the business world, in part due to his business transactions with Warren Buffett, one of the richest man in the United States. As one of two keynote speakers, Child opened the BYUH Great Ideas Exchange with, "Be true to yourself and your customers."

Child said students have asked Buffet about investments they can be involved in now in order to be successful. "Invest in your education now in order to be prepared

for the future," was Buffet's reply. Child spent time expounding on this emphasizing to students' the importance of putting school first. He then turned to the subject of competitive advantage as he stated, "it is the most important thing in business – the best thing I learned from Warren."

With this, Child explained the history of R.C. Willey and how he was able to keep it closed on Sundays. "I had to prove to him [Warren] that staying closed on Sunday was a competitive advantage."

Child shared his plan of making an offer that Buffett couldn't refuse. "I will buy the land and the building, and if we aren't successful in six months, we will close it down." Laughing, he shared how Buffett called him every week to see how profits had passed during the week.

Child shared stories of his past, including the humble start of the furnishing business he built. The business began in a 600-square-foot building but grew into an organization larger than the competition.

He ended with three points a successful business practitioner should have: Intelligence, energy, and integrity.

Kyle Haward





# STUDENTS 'GREAT IDEAS' TAKE CENTER STAGE

Think+Plan+Do. This was the key formula Brother James Ritchie drove home at the Winner's Circle of the Great Ideas Exchange on Nov. 6. All BYU Hawaii students have been exhorted to think up great ideas during Fall Semester, create plans for their ideas during Winter Semester, and then go carry out their ideas after graduating.

The Great Plans competition to be held in March is open to all majors and will have \$50,000 in prize money to help students put their plans into action. Here is an introduction to the Great Ideas Exchange finalists and what they plan to do:

*College of Business Administration*

*Wendy A. Smith*

"I want to start a school in India and turn a profit to help those who can't afford to go school."

"Opening a charter elementary school on the North Shore will meet our community's needs by providing exceptional educational opportunities to the students, families, and teachers of our local communities."

*Savory Lee*

"In order to facilitate second-language learning, 'Super-Memo' (a program that devises a systematic schedule to study vocabulary) will incorporate several vocabulary strategies including word formation, flip cards, mnemonic devices, and more."

*College of Math & Science*

*Brett Puterbaugh*

He proposed a physical therapy and strength-training tool for those suffering from complications with hands, wrists, and forearms. The tool consists of a tub filled with a gel-like substance and a lid, which the patient can use wearing gloves to perform exercises anywhere.

*Izak Rock*

"My idea is to create a company that helps you develop legacy packages that you can leave behind for your posterity. We will capture you on film, doing the things you love, and then compile all of your photos, home movies, and more onto a DVD that will highlight your life."

*Natalia Ferguson*

"I would like to create a Botanical Garden on campus to preserve and display native Hawaiian plants and flowers as well as information on their uses, legends, and

cultural significance. This garden would ... serve our community, local schools and visitors."

*College of Education, Culture & Society*

*Gregory K. Smith*

"A broadcasting department at BYU Hawaii would empower students to get a new, exciting, and useful degree applicable to any nation. It would allow us to establish a radio/TV station to connect to the world."

*College of Education*

"The Anatomy of Peace seminar allows individuals to understand the roots of conflict and recognize self-deception. By instituting these seminars within the routine training of military personnel, we can help reduce the amount of post-traumatic-stress-disorder, suicide, and civilian casualties on the battlefield."

*College of Education*

"There are many different types of drug-rehab centers ... but there is no where to go to get 'rehab' for the family.... My rehab center would focus on restoring a family's structure to full operation, from cooking and cleaning, to respect and good communication."

*College of Education, Counseling & Leadership*

*Alan Hansen*

"I want to implement a bike sharing program here in Laie that provides a fun, cheap, healthy way for students to get from point A to point B."

*College of Education*

"My company combines the folding hand fan and the program at sporting events to create a 'Sports Fan.' This provides the hot sports enthusiast with the information they want about their team, as well as an effective way of cooling themselves."

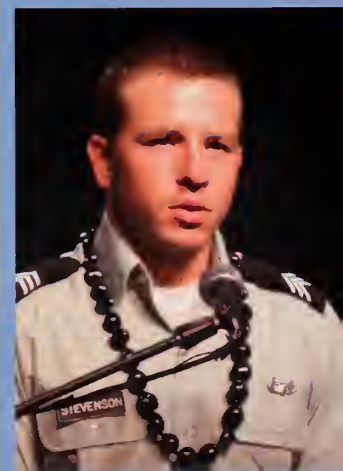
*College of Education*

"My idea is to create a large scale food waste collection company, specializing in vermi-fertilization (worm fertilization). The organization would benefit society by recycling food waste and benefit the economy by creating a sellable product out of rubbish."

*Department of English*

"To provide affordable wedding decorations and accessories, using our very own available natural resources, to provide low-production costs with high quality and uniqueness, thus creating a traditional, natural and Polynesian wedding motif."

-Blake Baxter



Finalists in the Great Ideas competition are from top to bottom Izak Rock, Tupau'ahau Angilau, Cawdre Crisanta and Micah Stevenson. Photos by Ryan Bagley

NOVEMBER 12, 2009



# KISSING RUGBY: BANNED

The popular game of Kissing Rugby has been banned on BYU-Hawaii campus. The game has been regularly played at Family Home Evening activities in LDS single wards on campus.

Meli Lesuma, from the Office of Honor and 1st counselor in the 3rd Stake Presidency, said, "It is a violent game and there can be a lot of pushing, shoving, clawing, and bruising. It is unbecoming of the standards that we would like to uphold in a church school. We are asking all of the bishops to make sure it's not played during Family Home Evening or activity nights."

Wes Clark, an online blogger, described the game at <http://wesclark.com/rrr/general.html>.

"Kissing rugby is an aggressive sport where rug burns are as common as kissing. It's played with a large group of boys and girls. Each boy gets a number assigned to him and the girls are assigned letters. Everyone makes a circle with boys on one side, girls on the other. Someone gets in the middle and calls out a number and a letter (i.e. D-5) and then 'D' and '5' enter the circle and attack the member of the opposite sex. If a girl is in the middle to start then the boy '5' attacks her while the girl 'D' attacks '5'. A point is scored when either 'D' or '5' lands a kiss anywhere on the face (ears count) of the other person. Whoever is kissed has to remain in the middle, call out a number and a letter, and avoid getting kissed in the next round."

Lyndon Hansen, junior in accounting from California said he loves this game.

"What standards is it really breaking? Last time I checked, people often meet and greet with a kiss around here," said Hansen.

BJ Liau, a junior in international cultural studies from Singapore said that she had played the game here at BYUH at Family Home Evening.

"When we played, we had to put our hand on the person and then kiss our hand. I think that they should

let us keep the game but alter it like we did," said Liau.

Carrie Buckmiller, a junior in international cultural studies from Utah said that, although she could see where they are coming from, "It's just fun." She also pointed out, "It's not Christ-like to kick somebody, but we do it all the time in soccer. It's just a game."

-NICOLE HAMILTON



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*Clever cues keeps the crowd cracking up in the campus production of 'Cash On Delivery!' Photo by Aissa Milton*

## 'CASH ON DELIVERY!' ARRIVES AT BYUH

British play kept audience laughing for entire show, leaves no question about roots

The British comedy, "Cash on Delivery!" put on by the BYU-Hawaii Theater Department, delivered three nights of laughter Nov. 5-7 in the McKay Auditorium.

"What I would like people to get out of this play is to come and enjoy, because I don't think there are many [students] exposed to theatre as there once was," said Drew Mierzejewski, senior in English from Japan.

Mierzejewski played Norman, "the lovable idiot," as he explained it. The lead part of Eric Swan was played by Jaden McCarrey, a freshman undeclared major from Alaska. Involved in defrauding the Department of Social Security, Swan falls deeper

and deeper into his own lies as he continues to try to cover up his actions. Norman is forced to act as Swan's sidekick.

Before the play, Mierzejewski shared a few comments about the theme of the play: "There really isn't any underlying moral. It is more of a farce." When all of the other performers heard this, a unified shout declared, "It teaches you to lie to succeed!" This was followed by a unified laugh.

Other members of the cast were: Jessica Jane Hagemester; Jacob Canter; Anthony and Nickoma Ing; Nate Stout; David Burrows; Shannon Majdali; Lauren Tuft; and Leslie Bingham. It was directed by Craig Ferre, a Fine Arts Dept. professor.

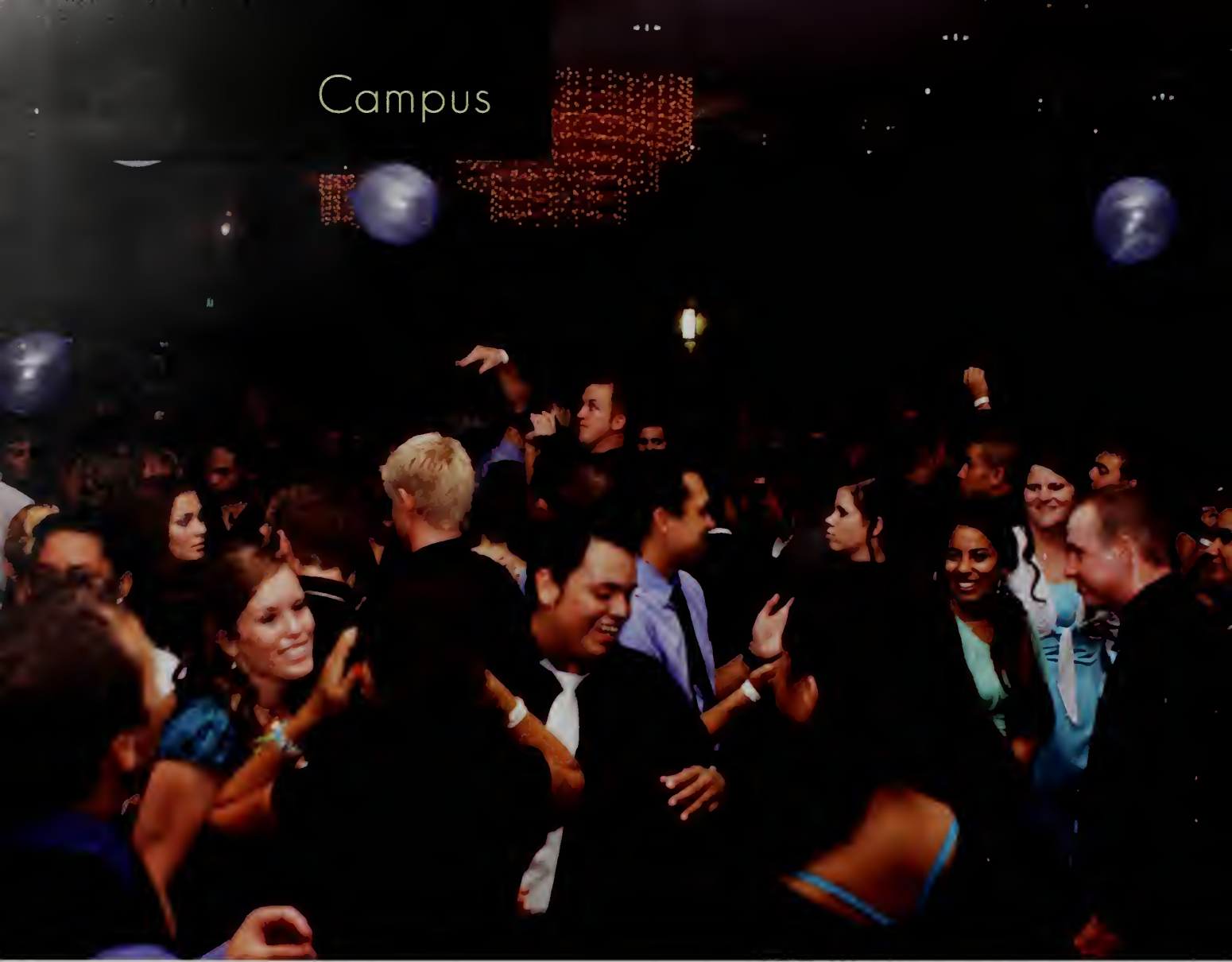
The British play leaves no question about its roots with its puns and knee-slapping humor compounding upon each other throughout the entirety of the play.

Danica Palmer, sophomore in English from Makakilo, Hawaii, was possibly the biggest fan of the play. "I watched rehearsal. I watched it last night. I am watching it tonight, and I will watch it again tomorrow night," she said.

When asked why she had such a passion for the play, Palmer said, "I love the play on words. They have so many puns. But they also have plenty of slapstick humor, so those that miss jokes can laugh also."

KYLE HOWARD





*BYUH students sway to the beat of music at the Fall Ball. Photo by Ryon Bogley*

# Waltz upon a dream

Students anticipated a “picture perfect” evening, influenced by the theme “Once Upon a Dream.” All 500 tickets to Fall Ball tickets were sold out.

BYUHSA presented the annual Fall Ball this semester at Honolulu’s Ala Moana Hotel on Nov. 6.

When asked why she thought the ball had sold out completely, Victoria Woodhouse, vice president of Special Events at BYUHSA, and junior in HTM from Calif., said, “I think students were excited to have a night out of Laie.”



Woodhouse explained that BYUH SA had 500 tickets to sell. They acquired that number based on the number of tickets previously purchased at past balls. With the increase of students in attendance at BYU-Hawaii and the popularity of the location, 500 tickets were not enough for all students to attend.

"We went to try to get tickets but they were sold out. After lunch they told us they had more tickets but they were only single tickets. If the tickets were easier to buy, we would have bought them," said Rachel Adams, a junior in biology from Washington.

For those students who were able to make it to the ball, many felt that it was a success. "This is my first Mormon dance ever so I had high expectations and it turned out to be tens times better," said Abram Wimmer, a junior in international business management from Maui.

The dinner tables were adorned with flower centerpieces and cups for hot cocoa, and there was also a personal decorated bag of chocolates at each seat.

"I felt like I was at a wedding reception," said Jansen Tesoro, a sophomore in elementary education from Las Vegas.

The night consisted of dinner, magic tricks performed by Risky Risky, and dancing.

Emily Lane, volunteer for BYUHSA who helped put together the ball and a freshman in social work from Hawaii, said, "I didn't think the deejay was going to be as good as he was."

"This is my last semester and I wanted to have fun with my friends and feel the American culture," said Shizuka Sato, a senior in special education from Japan.



The room that held the dance and dinner was decorated with paper castles and Cinderella carriages to fit the theme of the evening.

"I like dressing up. It makes me feel like a princess," said Eden Lake, a freshman in education from Washington.

NICOLE HAMILTON

*Top: Honolulu, from Ala Moana Hotel  
Student couples and friends smile "picture perfectly" Photos by Morco Mok*





"Rad," "gnarly," and "stoked," may have been common lingo heard for those in attendance at the first, and possibly annual, Turtle Bay Masters organized by students held this past weekend at Turtle Bay. Originally, it was to be held at the main surf break of Turtle Bay, but conflicts with another scheduled groom surf contest (competition for kids) forced competitors and officials to relocate to a different break to the right of the resort. Blake Baxter, junior in business from California and Brian Poppleton, junior in accounting from California, organized the contest that included more than 40 students from the university.

The contest began on Saturday, Nov. 7, in the early hours of the morning and lasted until around noon. Eleven heats of BYUH surfers battled for the opportunity to advance to the next rounds in the upcoming weeks of competition.

Each heat was comprised of four surfers and lasted 20 minutes. When the competitors weren't in the water, they acted as judges for their opponents. Each surfer was given points (on a scale of 1 to 10) on his top two waves. The surfers were judged on style, quality and size of the wave, length of ride, and maneuvers.

Although most of the competitors were already acquainted, new friendships were formed. Austin Facer, a political science major who is also



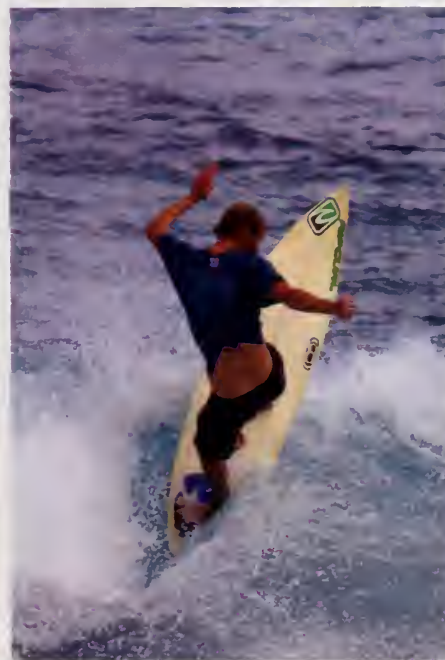


from California, said the event was successful in promoting campus unity. "This is the epitome of male bonding," said Facer. "Nothing ties us guys together like the bonds of surfing."

The 22 surfers who advanced out of last Saturday's heats anxiously await quarter-finals, semi-finals, and the finals. The dates of which are "TBA." The event organizers will be watching the swell forecasts on the Internet for the next few days, waiting until the surf and wind conditions are just right. Only then will the final day of surfing be announced. Experienced BYUH alumni will judge future heats. Count on seeing specialty heats as well, including a division for women's, longboard, and BYUH alumni.

ASHLEN DURANTE

Left Jesse Price Hale 2 Dad from California shows the students how it's done. Top left Chase Carlson biology and mathematics senior from California floating the foam on a foamy. Top right Andy Pierce junior and psychology major from California pierces the lip. Middle Gabe Figueira IBM senior from Brazil performs the off the lip while soaring to victory. Bottom right Rob Harman IBM senior from California throws buckets of spray. Bottom middle Matt (Skee) Facer sophomore in IBM from California stays glued on a vertical hit. Ikaika Kaulukukui freshman music major from Hawaii shreds the "gnar." Photos by Ting Shen







## Freaky Flicks for Friday the 13th

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Disturbia (2007)  
 Cloverfield (2007)  
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The Birds (1963)

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Coraline (2008)

The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008)

Monster House (2006)

The 'Burbs (1989)

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The Watcher in the Woods (1980)

Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978)

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Jaws (1975)

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Rear Window (1954)

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Freaky Friday (1976)

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The Collector (1965)

Psycho (1960)

Phantom of the Opera (1943)

Freaks (1932)

The Bride of Frankenstein (1931)

Nosferatu (1929)



Coach Ken Wagner took some time to answer a few questions about how the men's basketball team is doing.

What has the team been doing to prepare for its games this weekend?

"We're not too concerned about the other teams. We're more concerned about what we're doing. We need to do the things that we do really well. We're a very good shooting team, but our shot selection needs to improve. Defensively, we need to work as a team and know all the rotations."

How is Lucas Alves' recovery progressing after his injured knee?

"He's doing really well. I think he's right on schedule to come back by December or January. That has been a big change, too, for a lot of these guys who have played with Lucas all the time. That was something different that we had to make adjustments for."

What are your thoughts on the team reducing the deficit down to just 2 points [when playing UH] after being down by 19 points in the 1st half?

"I was not that happy about the results because I did not think we played like we should have. Sometimes that happens because of the way we play defensively, and sometimes early in the season it's just tough.

Our new people have not learned their rotations and I think we gave up way too many easy baskets. But there is also a huge improvement usually between the first and second games. I just think it was one of those nights where we did not play well. We were not ready to do the things that we needed to do to win. It was a good learning experience. It will really help us the next time we play."

Were you satisfied with the team's aggression or do you feel they were a little too aggressive and thus getting called for a lot of fouls?

"We probably fouled a little bit when we should not have. Regardless of [the fouls], if we would have done the things that we needed to do, if we rebound and play better defense, I do not think [the fouls] would have mattered. I just thought it was tough when we got back and we got the technical and then all of a sudden we're down by 8 again. Sometimes it's hard to recover twice from deficits like that."

Considering that Rory Patterson made four of ten 3-point shots, how do you plan to use him?

"Rory is a very good outside shooter but I also think he is very good around the basket. I think he is going to need to be inside a little more often than he was in [the game against UH]. Just like everyone, I think some adjustments early on need to be made."

Do you plan on using a zone defense more often this sea-

son to compensate for possible size mismatches?

"We teach a team defense where we are real aggressive. They had 29 turnovers; usually if you have 29 turnovers you are not going to win. The thing is, they got 8 or 9 easy baskets, which were just a matter of us not rotating, and that is one of the things we live with with our defense: if all five of our guys are not playing, that is gonna hurt us. To be a really good team, you have to have a real solid half-court defense. With this group, we will play more zone this year than we ever have but not because of [the size of the team]. I think they are smart, can switch back and forth, and do some good things on defense."

JESSE SPARKS



Ken Wagner, BYUH men's basketball coach, talks with assistant coach Brondyn Akono. Photo from Ke Alaka's archives



## Lucas Alves on the mend

When he fell to the court after an injury to his knee, star Seaside forward Lucas Alves knew one thing: "Something weird had happened."

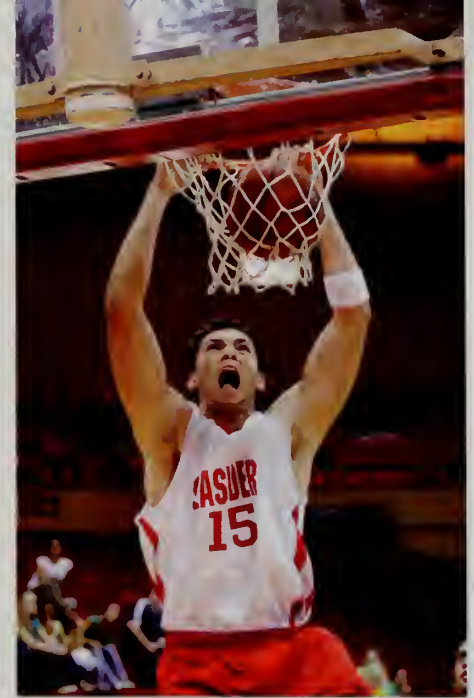
Alves, named to the Super 16 Pre-season All-America men's basketball team, played for his native Brazil National Team over the summer. At one point, the team traveled to Portugal to play a tournament. Deep into the tournament, Alves and the team found themselves playing against Portugal for 3rd place. "I started the game. Two minutes into the game, I was gonna make a move to the basket, and as soon as I made a move to the basket, my knee just gave away." Alves goes on to describe exactly what he experienced, "I felt cracking in my knee around the bone, and I just fell down."

Alves was taken to a local hospital where an MRI was administered. The next day, Alves was flown back to Brazil, where he saw another doctor. He was then told that he had a total tear of his right knee's ACL, a major ligament, and a partial tear in his lateral meniscus. Alves decided on surgery, and on July 23, 2009 his knee was operated on in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Alves began rehabilitation immediately. "It's a long process," Alves says, "at least five months of rehab." While in Brazil until September, Alves rehabbed his knee at least three hours a day, doing various strengthening exercises.

Since returning to Laie, Alves' rehab has continued uninterrupted. Currently, Alves is still doing weights and strengthening of his leg. Also, just last week Alves started running on a treadmill and jumping. He is still lacking the mobility, however, to move laterally and do lay-ups.

"So far, so good," Alves said of his



Lucas Alves, BYUH forward/center, hopes to be playing soon. Photo by Ryan Bagley

rehab. Alves then related how it has been not being able to play alongside his teammates: "I never experienced it before," Alves says, "It feels weird just sitting down and watching the team play. Right now I'm just trying to focus on my recovering and cheer up the team."

-JESSE SPARKS

November 12, 2009 (Thursday)

Teams Practice (CAC)

Tournament Banquet @ 5:00pm at PCC Gateway

November 13, 2009 (Friday) Game 1: Hawaii Pacific Univ. vs. China Univ. of Mining & Technology @ 5:00pm

Game 2: Fiji National Team vs. BYU-Hawaii Men's @ 7:30pm

November 14, 2009 (Saturday)

Game 3: Hawaii Select vs. Fiji National Team @ 3:00pm

Game 4: D-One vs. BYU-Hawaii Women's @ 5:30pm

Game 5: China Univ. of Mining & Technology vs. BYU-Hawaii Men's @ 8:00pm

Participating Teams (Men's)

BYU-Hawaii • China Univ. of Mining & Technology • Fiji National Team

• Hawaii Pacific • Hawaii Select

Participating Teams (Women's)

BYU-Hawaii • D-One



# 2009 ASIA PACIFIC TOURNAMENT IS THIS WEEKEND

This upcoming weekend marks the beginning of the annual American Money Group Asia Pacific Tournament at BYU-Hawaii. The pre-season basketball games provide the team and coaches an indicator of where the team is as far as preparation for the upcoming season is concerned.

Men's basketball Assistant Coach Brandyn Akana, said, "It should really be a lot of fun. It is always a good experience for the team to play against other teams from the area. It will be a good way for us to judge where we stand early in the pre-season and finish polishing up for what is to come. The community and students get to come together and support us, and that is always a

good experience for our team."

Although the team suffered a loss to the University of Hawaii this past week, they plan to demonstrate that it's never too late for improvement. "We played Thursday against UH, and it was a tough game...I feel like they had more time to prepare than we did since school started so late," said Seasider team mate Mustapha El Akkari, biochemistry and mathematics major from Tripoli, Lebanon.

"After watching our films, we realize we need to be more patient on offense and execute our plays better. Hopefully we can learn from our mistakes and carry out our goals in this tournament. We are No. 1

in the nation and we should really take care of our title," he said.

The basketball event will include teams from all over the Pacific Rim, including Fiji, Hawaii, and China. While the visiting teams have been practicing all week at our campus, the actual tournament does not kick off until this weekend.

Students here at BYUH have high expectations for their Seasiders.

Derek Hall, IBM major from Arizona, said, "I expect the Seasiders to show up with all of their weapons. I think they have the advantage playing on their home court, and hopefully we can get the season started off on a good note."

ASHIEN QUIRANTE

## Intramurals: Wards battle for the cup

This year, BYU-Hawaii's intramurals program has had the greatest amount of people participating in years due to the amount of exposure that intramurals received, and a new point system that focuses on participation and sportsmanship rather than wins. Competitions in tennis, dodge ball, and free throw shooting have already been held. Each of these events has been a success.

Tyler Luszeck, a junior in biology from Yucaipa, Calif., was really surprised by the amount of people that attended. Luszeck said, "We've had so many people participate this year that the gym has been packed full of wards that are competing. There were 200 people that participated in dodge ball this year with students from 17 out of 19 wards."

The winning ward of intramurals will be awarded the Iosepa Cup as well as a catered dinner with BYUH President Steven Wheelwright. Even though intramurals is a competition, students participate because they want to contribute to their ward and build greater friendships. Ashton Stott, a junior in elementary education from Washington, is the event coordinator for Intramurals. She said, "This is the best year of Intramurals that I have been a part of and with the new events that are coming up, it is just going to keep getting better."

David Lowery, a sophomore in math from Arizona, participates regularly in the intramurals activities. He said, "I go to Intramurals to meet people." Lowery also recalled the recent dodge ball activity, saying, "It was so fun. Even though we didn't win, our ward bonded in our defeat. It sure beats doing homework."

Intramurals organizers invite you to come and join the fun. For more information on points and upcoming events, visit [intramurals.byuh.edu](http://intramurals.byuh.edu).

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## Believing in home ownership: The Empower Laie Project

Community members gathered to learn they can buy a home in Hawaii despite previous misconceptions, doubts and fears. Richie Norton, President of American Money Group Hawaii, and Jase Bennett, Realtor for Paul Staples Realty, presented attendees with a lecture in their series on hope for homebuyers: The Empower Laie Project. The goal of the project is to offer free education on home buying to 100 people in 100 days. The first event was held Tuesday, Nov. 3, at Laie Elementary cafeteria.

Norton said he got the idea for Empower Laie when he attended an Envision Laie board meeting where faculty, who had lived in Laie more than a decade, hadn't bought a house because they were waiting on a housing development with "more affordable" properties.

Faculty members said they have been discouraged about buying a home because they cannot remain in university housing if they own any housing or rental property on Oahu and because of the high price of Hawaiian property. Neither Hawaii Reserves, Inc. nor the BYU-Hawaii Housing Department offer services or information for those interested in first-time homeownership. Norton said, "Don't wait for affordable housing to [be built]. Prepare now. Don't wait," he reiterated, "Sometimes I meet with people in their 60s who are just buying their first home. Start now. You could have more money [from equity] later if you start now."

The first step to homeownership is to believe you can own a home, said Norton. He repeated this idea many times throughout the evening. "If you don't believe you can, you'll never try. So believe."

Typically it's good to have 20 per-

cent for a down payment, but it is possible to buy a house without a down payment. Either way, all you need is someone with the know-how to go to for information.

"It's cool for the Laie Association to allow these guys to provide information for people. It's a sign of how much the community wants it and needs it," said Marc Allred, BYUH alumnus and current Hauula resident. Bennett, Norton's partner in this project, urged citizens to get their financial information together, organize it into a financial packet, and pre-qualify for a mortgage. He gave examples of several families with different situations who were able to buy homes in Laie. One example was a family who had the keys to their \$500,000 home after paying only \$1,500 in transaction fees. "You can do it. Take the first step. Talk to someone," said Bennett.

On his Website, Norton said, "Specifically, we are helping residents of our community prepare themselves to achieve home ownership, become self-reliant and develop legacy plans to preserve family culture, properties and resources for generations. We want to help families obtain clarity regarding what they really want in life and assist

them in developing strategies to achieve those goals."

When asked what she thought of the presentation, Rachel Bennett, Laie resident and Jase's wife, said, "I love it. I love it. I think Laie needs it. Certain areas don't get this kind of education. For them, a free workshop lets people know they can have more than a two-bedroom rental."

Leimana Fonoimoana, junior in business finance and licensed Real Estate assistant for Paul Staples Realty, said, "Most people don't believe they can qualify for and maintain a mortgage. It's nice to hear words of encouragement."

The final thought of the evening was not to expect to afford your dream home now, but to work up to that point by buying and building up equity now. Just start now.

-KATHLEEN MAJDALI



Jose Bennett and Richie Norton at their workshop. Photo by Kathleen Majdali

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A woman wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, a black safety harness, and an orange helmet is rappelling down a blue rope. She is looking upwards with a focused expression. The background is a blurred green forest.

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*Jana Stratton raised over \$1,000 for the Special Olympics and was then able to rappel 31 stories down the Sheraton Hotel in Waikiki. This segment is for practice and is only two stories high. Photo by Ryon Bogley*



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**Swedish museum returns 22 human skulls to Hawaii**  
Sweden museums have returned 22 skulls that were stolen from Hawaiian lands more than 100 years ago. On Nov. 14, the Swedish government hosted a ceremony that "was part of Sweden's increased efforts to return indigenous

## Human skulls continued

remains collected by scientists across the world," according to the Associated Press.

"In Hawaiian culture, there is a lot of sacredness in the bones because of the mana. Treating the bones with proper respect by not showing them on display at museums and returning them to the land is important to the Hawaiian people," said Puanani Maneha, Hawaiian studies senior from Kahaluu.

Since 2005, when the Swedish government ordered its museums to search through their collections, they have returned more than 20 human remains, mainly to Australia. The Hawaiian skulls were returned privately so that delegates could perform a ritual according to traditional customs.

"I cannot adequately express the thankfulness... for a very, very worthy endeavor, and that is to greet our ancestors and accompany them home," said William Aila, head of the Hawaiian delegation.

"As a Big Island native, I understand that Hawaiian artifacts are very important to the land and its people," said Keola Harrison, senior in English and music. "To steal these from the land is to show lack of respect for Hawaiians and their culture. I think that this gesture is respectful and kind."

The bones were taken from Hawaii around 1880. Aila said the skulls would "be reburied in the soil of their birth."

TRISTEN LEACH AND ASSOCIATED PRESS



## New York Senate votes down same-sex marriage bill

In New York, the Senate killed a bill on Wednesday that would have legalized the practice of same-sex marriage. Passage would have made New York the sixth U.S. state to legalize same-sex marriage.



## Chorale, Brass Ensemble; Shaka Steel to perform

The University Chorale and Brass Ensemble will perform Friday, Dec. 4, and our steel drum band, Shaka Steel, will be playing Saturday, Dec. 5, both at 7:30 p.m. in the McKay Auditorium. The band will feature songs made popular by Bob Marley, Jimmy Buffet and Mighty Sparrow.



## Musical devotional to usher in Christmas season

Gifts of Two Seasons, the 2009 BYU-Hawaii Christmas Devotional, will take place from 11 a.m. until noon on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Cannon Activities Center. The special devotional will not feature one speaker, but various musical numbers and speaking parts.



## "Frumpy Unknown" releases her first album

Susan Boyle entered "Britain's Got Talent" in April as an unfamiliar face. Last week, however, her first album, "I Dreamed a Dream," sold 701,000 copies in the U.S. alone, and reminded the music industry of their older listeners - only 6% of sales were digital downloads. Photo by Brendan McDermid





*Author and Lacey Wilcox brush up on their tango routine  
Photo by Aissa Mitton*

## Oleole If you can walk, you can dance

Alan Oleole promised his Social Dance students one thing: "If you can walk, you can dance." Committed to fulfilling Oleole's words, BYU-Hawaii's EXS Department will be holding a "Strictly Ballroom" Semester Ball, named after an Australian movie by the

# Students dance 'Strictly Ballroom'

same title. The ball will be held on Dec. 5, and all students and faculty are invited.

"We welcome and expect the whole campus family to come," said Oleole's wife, eternal dancing partner and fellow instructor, Elissa Oleole. "We want everybody to come and enjoy a whole night of ballroom dance. We'll have the waltz, tango, swing, cha-cha, and rumba."

Elissa said there will be ample opportunities for students and faculty alike to learn and practice some steps from the dances mentioned above. Guests will also have the chance to watch EXS 180 students sway and promenade in a coordinated practicum, or practical performance.

"It's going to be fun," says Adam McBarron, a freshman from Washington majoring in EXS. "I've learned a lot and I cannot wait to dance. I feel pretty confident about what I've learned, especially the waltz and tango."

Isabel Sakaja, a senior in business from Kenya, had no previous dancing

experience before coming to BYUH. "It was something I saw on TV," Sakaja said, "and now I get to do it myself. I am very excited we've had an opportunity to prepare for our performance."

Sakaja and McBarron both agree more men should participate in the social dancing program here at BYUH, and they can begin by coming to the ball. "If you have a bunch of girls but no guys to dance with," added Sakaja, "there's no point because you cannot practice what you learn."

The Semester Ball will run from 8-11 p.m. in the Aloha Center Ballroom. Dress is semi-formal, with gentlemen expected to wear white shirts and ties, dress pants and shoes; ladies should wear their Sunday best. "No pants allowed ladies, even if it is in vogue," Elissa emphasized.

Tickets are available free of charge at the EXS office – Old Gym Rm 188 – through Dec. 4. For information concerning availability of tickets after Dec. 4, please contact Elissa Oleole.

JOKKE KOKKONEN

## Art seniors' show and tell

This month three art students will be capping off their BYU-Hawaii education with presentations of their senior art exhibits. Teryl Soren, whose theme is exploration in abstraction, will display her work from Dec. 3 to 7. From Dec. 8 through 12, Eileen Jeffers will present her artwork entitled "Lines in Nature." Lastly, Nanako Hayashi will reveal her exhibit "Hosanna" Dec. 15 through 19. The art shows will be held in the McKay Auditorium foyer.

Art students get to choose the theme of their art shows and are instructed to keep them uniform.

"For me, painting is its own challenge. Finding certain colors and putting them on paper is difficult," said Jeffers.

Jeffers, a senior from Colorado, explained, "My goal is to portray the simplicity and beauty in nature." Her paintings include silhouettes.

"I wanted to show the abstract in a beautiful way," said Soren, a senior from Laie. "Art isn't the easiest thing to understand and I wanted people to experience the joy and perplexity of it with the hope that

it will evoke an emotional response." Soren further commented, "I hope they can see art with new creativity. It's going to be a very different type of show."

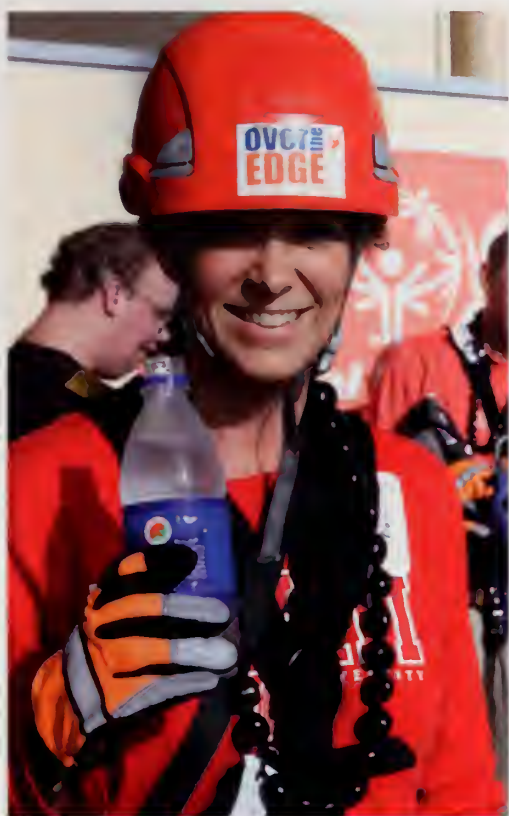
Hayashi, a senior from Japan, said of her art exhibit, "Most of my pictures are of palm trees. Palm trees are so beautiful. It's really hard to paint what I see and capture that beauty."

Hayashi continued, "When I started to paint, I always needed lots of help. The palm tree is a symbol of mercy in Hebrew culture, so when I paint them, it's like a cry for mercy or help."

—TRISTEN LEACH



# JANNA STRATTON RAPPELS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Jana Stratton, Athletics Administrative Assistant for BYUH, recently rappelled off the 31 story Sheraton Waikiki to raise money for the Special Olympics!

Stratton raised \$1,123 in the two weeks prior to her rappelling on Halloween afternoon. 115 people raised at least \$1,000 each and then harnessed in to go "over the edge" of the 315 ft. Sheraton. \$170,760 was raised through the event, all of which was donated to the Special Olympics in Hawaii.

Stratton has run three marathons and several 5K, 10K, and half marathon races, and is currently training for a triathlon. "I love the feeling of accomplishment, of training your body to do more. It's satisfying seeing that you can improve yourself," she said. Prior to living in Laie, she lived with husband, Chuck Stratton, Internship Coordinator amongst other things at BYUH, and children, in St. George, Utah, where they often hiked and mountain biked.

Although Stratton is no stranger to pushing her body's limits, she admits she was "a little freaked out" initially climbing over the railing at the top of the building. She had rappelled once before and says it was the scariest thing she had ever done—"I thought my heart was going to explode it was beating so hard!" This time she imagined herself safely going over the edge of the building while retaining her excitement to quash her fears. She descended slowly, taking in the beautiful view and even stopping to talk with a couple hotel guests out on their balcony.

Stratton explained, "Helping to provide that experience for these intellectually disabled people and see that look of joy on their faces is worth all the effort and fear. I'm so blessed; I just really wanted to make a little difference in someone else's life." Anyone interested in making donations to the Special Olympics can do so by visiting [www.firstgiving.com/janastratton](http://www.firstgiving.com/janastratton).

AMY HANSON

*Above* Jana Stratton after she finished rappelling off the Sheraton Waikiki  
*Below* As she worked her way down Jana Stratton was able to wave and give a smile  
 Photos by Ryan Bagley







## *We Remember...*

# WILLIAM HSU

Remembered as a man who loved the gospel of Jesus Christ, his family, his work and his fellowman, members of the Hsu ohana and the BYU-Hawaii ohana gave tribute to Hospitality and Tourism Professor William Shiu Foo Hsu at a memorial service in the Laie Hawaii North Stake Center on Nov. 28.

Hsu passed away Nov. 20 during an early morning swim at the campus pool. He had a history of heart problems. Hsu was 59.

Born in Hong Kong on Oct. 18, 1950, Hsu and his wife, Angelina, returned this year from the Taiwan Kaohsiung Mission where Bill served as mission president for three years. After coming home to Laie, Hsu had begun teaching again on campus.

His daughter, Jessica Hsu Nielson, and his son, Jacob Hsu, spoke at the memorial service as well as three faculty members: HTM Department colleague and friend John Taylor; bishop and ICS professor Tevita Ka'iili; and member of the Laie Hawaii North Stake presidency and also an ICS professor Phillip McArthur. Members of the Taiwan Club sang as well as a group of returned missionaries from the Taiwan Kaohsiung Mission.

His daughter said Hsu grew up in Hong Kong, full of energy and mischief, didn't like studying and often skipped school to swim or play sports. He also played in a

band, and Jessica said she has a hard time seeing her dad "as a hippie with long hair" rather than the father, church leader, educator and businessman he became.

It was Hsu's brother, Daniel, who talked Bill into going to college at Ricks, now BYU-Idaho, and checked him into school, said Jessica. It was in Rexburg that Bill joined the church and gained a love of learning.

Hsu then went to BYU Provo where he attended the Asian student ward and first met his wife, Angelina. They both went from there to serve missions: Bill in Hong Kong and Angelina in Taiwan. After their missions, they met again and after only four dates, said Jessica, her father proposed. While Angelina said she wasn't sure he was the one for her, Jessica said her dad's response was, "Don't worry. I'm sure enough for the both of us."

They were married in the Oakland California Temple and came to Laie for Hsu to finish earning his undergraduate degree. He completed a master's degree at Cornell University in New York and began working in the travel and tourism industry. The family travelled across the United States with Bill as his career progressed and "learned to rely on each other and love each other," Jessica said.

"He would say every day, 'Do you know that I love your mother? Do you know I love you?'" said Jacob of his father's dedication to his family. Jessica added, "While we mourn his passing, we know we will be together again. I love my dad."

In 1992, Hsu got a job in Hong

Kong and moved his family there. He held several LDS Church leadership positions there, but Jacob said one of the highlights was acting as translator for President Gordon B. Hinckley at the dedication of the Hong Kong Temple.

After a decade of working in the tourism field, Jessica said her father decided to "switch from the business world to the teaching world. This allowed for more family time, which we are all grateful for."

After eight years of working on a doctorate, Jacob said his father was able to finish his PhD and was offered at job teaching at BYUH.

Taylor talked about becoming friends with the Hsu family while Bill was working in Hong Kong and teaching at Hong Kong Polytechnic College. Taylor said it seemed like Bill knew all the billions of people in China and had contacts with people in every organization or business. He spoke both Mandarin and Cantonese.

"When an opening came at our school, it was not hard to issue him the invitation to come here," said Taylor.

Then, in 2005 Hsu was called to be a mission president in Taiwan, giving up a Fulbright Scholarship to do so. Hsu also had surgery to repair heart problems before he and Angelina left for Taiwan. "When asked if he wanted to not go on a mission because of his health issues, he said no, the Lord saved his life so he would go," said Jacob. "He was never driven by money or fear or doubt," Jacob added. "He had a great passion for missionary work his whole life."

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BY LEEANN JAMBERT



After his and Angelina's mission in Taiwan, Hsu "worked feverishly to make the transition back into academic life," Taylor said. He was intense, tireless and worked hard, Taylor continued. "I loved him very, very much."

Talking about the day Hsu passed away, Ka'ili said he got a call early on Nov. 20 from Hsu's home teacher Brother Lauaki saying Bill had collapsed while swimming. Kaili said when met Lauaki and Angelina at the hospital he was able to give Sister Hsu a blessing in which he felt inspired to tell her that Bill had been called to the other side to continue the missionary effort there.

McArthur said that while "our hearts are heavy, this [memorial service for Hsu] is also a celebration through the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ."

"We have an extraordinary doctrine," McArthur said, which is that our callings go with us, meaning that when we die, we have work to do on the other side. The Vision of the Redemption of the Dead received by Joseph F. Smith teaches that those who pass to the other side who do not know about Jesus Christ are taught by those who have power and authority to teach the gospel. "Who are they who will make this great equity of teaching the gospel happen?" said McArthur. Those who are among the righteous, he said adding, "Can we doubt that Brother Hsu has that power and authority? Brother Hsu has received that mission."

Concluding, McArthur said, "All is well and all is made well through the atonement of Jesus Christ and the power of his resurrection."

-LEEANN JAMBERT



Robert Pattinson (Edward) and Kristen Stewart (Bella) are two of *New Moon's* main characters. Photo courtesy of Google

## NEW MOON RISES

Students flock to Love Theatre for Twilight sequel

Twilight fans anticipated the second installment of the series' arrival in theatres on Nov. 20, 2009. Midnight screenings of "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" alone made over \$23.6 million according to the LA Times.

The No. 1 domestic debut for Summit Entertainment's "New Moon" was more than twice the \$69.6 million haul over the same weekend last year for the first in the franchise based on Stephenie Meyer's novels.

"New Moon" placed third on the all-time domestic chart behind last year's \$158.4 million opening weekend for the Batman blockbuster "The Dark Knight" and 2007's \$151.1 million haul for "Spider-Man 3."

BYU-Hawaii is no stranger to the

New Moon craze. Hale 1 organized a bus ride to go see the midnight showing of the movie. "We had eleven people come with us, but even more residents are going from the dorm on their own," said Leilani Auwen, a senior in Hawaiian studies from Arizona. "I never really thought I'd get into the Twilight series until I started reading them, and I couldn't stop. They're just a fun read, and I think it's also a great way to socialize with others since so many people have read them."

Kevin Fronk, a junior IBM Major from California, said, "I am super excited to see 'New Moon'. It will be really cool to see Edward and Jacob fight over Bella. It's the best chick flick ever!"

SIOZANNE TUTTLE



## Community



### Banana Nut Bread

Hawaii is beginning to cool down for the winter. To keep warm, get together with some friends and make delicious banana bread with a pecan orange-zest topping, and drink hot cocoa! Leftovers make a perfect breakfast.

- ¾ cup butter, softened
  - 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 1 ½ cups mashed ripe bananas (4 bananas)
  - ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
  - 3 cups all purpose flour
  - ½ teaspoon baking powder
  - ½ teaspoon baking soda
  - ½ teaspoon salt
  - 2 cups chopped pecans, divided
- Orange glaze:
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
  - 3 tablespoons orange juice
  - 1 teaspoon grated orange peel

Preheat oven to 350. In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter, cream cheese, and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add bananas and vanilla; mix well. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture. Fold in one cup pecans.

Transfer to two greased 8x4x2 inch loaf pans. Sprinkle with the remaining pecans. Bake for 1 to 1 ¼ hours or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean.

In a small bowl, whisk the glaze ingredients; drizzle over loaves. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks.

-AMY HANSON

### Laie nurtures 'edible' garden

BYU-Hawaii students are looking for ways to serve and become involved with the community. While the Edible Garden of Laie Elementary may not completely live up to its name, it does offer the community a variety of flavors in the form of opportunities to serve.

Cynthia Compton, a history professor on campus, has a lot to do with the activity of the garden. "The purpose of this program is help students gain knowledge by

creating an authentic environment in which to work and experiment with the concepts they are learning," she said. "It is also a place to nurture a love of the land—a way to teach students to be responsible caretakers of the 'aina.'"

There have been several student contributors to the design and upkeep of the garden. Brittany Jackson, a senior in ICS from Montana, said, "BYUH has struggled with their relationship with the elementary school and the community. By helping out in the garden we can strengthen these relationships, and also set examples for the elementary-aged students."

Some student groups teach about

the plants and history of them, others help the students with the actual planting and harvesting, and even more just come to help maintain the garden through mowing, edging, and weeding, Jackson said. "All that help has made a great difference and impact on the school."

The BYUH art department helped make signs as well as the fence that borders and protects the garden. BYUH students have contributed nearly 250 hours of service. The community and students are all invited to participate in the garden in any way possible and can direct questions to Sister Compton using [cynthia.compton@byuh.edu](mailto:cynthia.compton@byuh.edu).

ASHLEN QUIRANTE





Kamehameha Highway is often under construction and even more often traveled by dangerous drivers. Be alert. Photo by Aissa Milton

## KEEPING IT SAFE ON KAMEHAMEHA HIGHWAY

Even though Laie is a safe community, Kamehameha Highway can be dangerous.

It is important for students to realize these dangers and act cautiously whether they are drivers or pedestrians.

According to the Honolulu Police Department, 612 pedestrians were struck by motor vehicles on Oahu in 2008. 20 of those people lost their lives, and 70 percent of those killed were hit in crosswalks.

"Fortunately, a pedestrian hasn't been hit in Laie in the last four years. We'd hate to see one of our students being the

first," said Roy Yamamoto from Campus Safety and Security.

Dennise Ontiveros, a sophomore in music from Mexico who lives off campus said, "I don't walk on Kam Highway to get home. I walk the temple way instead. I also avoid it at night if I am going to Foodland."

Yamamoto suggested to students to not wear their headphones to their music while crossed the road because they are not able to hear if a car is speeding.

"Some people might think they are safer cutting through the elementary school

but sometimes there are people loitering doing things that aren't good and there can be an incident there," said Yamamoto.

Yamamoto also said not to be out late or early in the morning because that is the most common time for drivers to be speeding or under the influence of alcohol.

For students who do not want to walk home at night, the Aloha Shuttle is available. They have extended their areas and times and now service not only Laie but also Hauula and Kahuku and are available from Monday through Saturday nights.

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# BYUH WEBSITE GETS FACELIFT

The next time you type in [www.byuh.edu](http://www.byuh.edu), you may see something very different from what you have seen before: a redesigned website. For the past five months, BYU Hawaii's Web Team has been hard at work redesigning the entire school website, and will soon be unveiling the new site.

"We're getting really close," commented Devin Northrup, Public Relations Media Specialist, when asked when beta testing of the new website will start. Web Developer Jonathan Campbell echoed Northrup's sentiment, "Everything is pretty much in place; we just need to do some fine tuning and testing." Tentative dates of December and January have been set for the start of beta testing and the implementation of the new website, respectively.

This is not the first time that a redesign has been attempted. One of the reasons, though, that this time has been successful has been timing. Web Architect Jinendra Janadasa commented, "The nice thing is that all the talented people that we needed came together at the perfect time and we were able to make this project possible." Including Northrup, Campbell, Janadasa, the rest of the Web Team is made up of: Director of University Communications Michael

Johanson, Designer Randy Sasaki, and Web Developer Johnson Mak.

User feedback played a large role in the redesign project. Campbell explains, "We did some surveys with the students, faculty, and employees that are here and got their feedback on the current website. Based on their feedback, we decided that the best way to go would be develop a new site." Campbell went on to confirm the great utility of the feedback they received. "A lot of the comments had to do with navigation, and that was our biggest motivation in doing this. They told us that the website was like a big list and it was hard to find anything."

Janadasa echoed Campbell's comments about the value and role of the feedback received. "One thing I hope students will appreciate is that we took their feedback and it was taken into consideration with what we wanted to see on the site."

Reactions from students who have been shown the project's progress have been positive. Jonald Gonzalez, an IT major from Cavite, Philippines, was impressed with both the design and organization of the site. "Wow. It's way better," said Gonzalez. "Also, it now qualifies as a 3-click-rule website." Gonzalez explained that to be a 3-click-rule

site, a website has to be designed so that any information can be found within a maximum of three mouse clicks.

With testing just around the corner, Campbell reflected on the level of work that was required to get to where they are now. "Getting the content from the different areas has been one of the most difficult parts of the project," said Campbell. "We're trying to do a new structure, and it seems that every piece we touch seems to open up a new thing that we need to fix."

Janadasa also added his comments. "One of the nice things about doing this project is that if this were an old system, we would probably have to wait another year for all the departments to switch each page. "But now," he continued, "it's just a matter of changing the theme." Janadasa also made special mention of the Web Team's gratitude for the help and feedback of the many Webmasters across campus.

As the site comes forth in the coming months, Campbell emphasized that their work is not done yet. "Hopefully we can lay a foundation that will be easy to build on." Campbell continued, "We're hoping we can get some good feedback that we can incorporate into future revisions."

-JESSE SPARKS





# VISITORS CENTER CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Visitors Center of the Laie, Hawaii temple has been adorned with scripture-themed trees and holiday décor for the Christmas season. This is the second year the decorations have been done, put together by Sherri Orgill, wife of President Orgill of the BYU–Hawaii 3rd Stake.

Sister Tripp, a senior missionary from Utah, lent a hand in the presentation of the Christmas trees. Tripp immediately gave credit for the project to Sister Orgill, mentioning, “She had many of the trees donated.”

Each stake on Oahu was given a tree and was to choose a theme for their tree in accordance with a Christmas scripture.

“The one thing that I thought was very interesting was that I felt it a sacred privilege to do all the decorations ourselves, as most Christmas decorations are done professionally,” Sister Tripp said. The missionaries of the Visitors Center were able to decorate their own tree this year, which they themed around Moroni’s promise and decorated it with copies of the Book of Mormon.

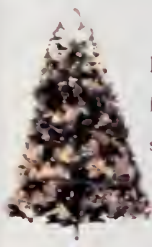
The sister missionaries commented on how the decorations help bring people to the Visitors Center. Sister Cutler from Idaho said, “It is [still] early this year but last year we had a lot of success and hope for the same this year.”

Sister Hu from Taiwan said, “We can tell people about the Christmas decorations and they suddenly want to come [to the Visitors Center],” she said.

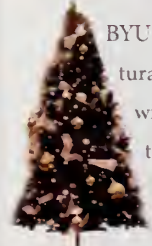
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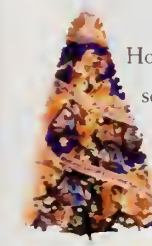
BYUH 1st- Matthew 2:1-2; the tree has three wise men presenting gifts, while also decorated with presents, ornaments, and cinnamon.



BYUH 2nd- Luke 2:13-14; the tree is filled with hand crafted angels and snowflakes.



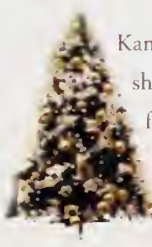
BYUH 3rd- The tree represents the cultural diversity found at BYUH, festooned with handcrafted dolls and flags from the different countries; all countries represented by BYUH students are represented.



Honolulu- Luke 2:7 & 11; the tree represents the birth of Christ, with an angel atop the tree in accordance with the scripture.



Honolulu West- Isaiah 9:6; the tree is covered with ornaments filled with children’s faces of the Honolulu West Stake.



Kaneohe- Luke 2:8; the tree has sheep and shepherd ornaments from top to the bottom.



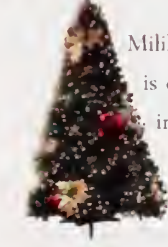
Laie-Matthew 2:1-2, the tree has three wise men ornaments offering gifts to an ornament of Mary holding the baby Jesus in the center of the tree. Atop the tree is a large star.



Laie North- Psalms 66:1-2; the tree is themed after music, covered with Christmas hymns and musical notes.



Makakilo- Luke 2:16; the tree is filled with ornaments depicting the manger scene.



Mililani- Matthew 2:9-10; the tree is decorated in seasonal dressings, including large red bulb ornaments and bright white, glittering flowers.

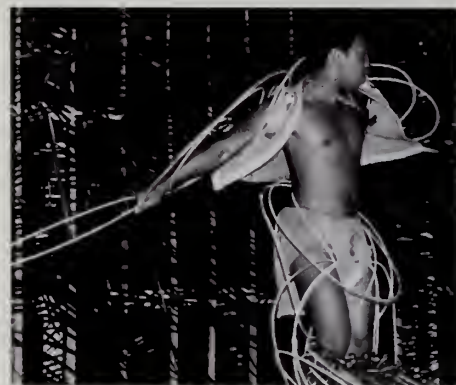


Waipahu- John 3:16; the tree was designed by a professional stage designer with white decorative trim. Atop the tree is a dove, referenced in the scripture.





## Locals hop to Native hoop dance



Left B.J. Rowley on the bottom right, with other members of Showcase, including Joe Ahuna in the center. '72  
Right Joe Ahuna does the Hoop Dance Photos courtesy of BYUH Archives

In the archives of BYU-Hawaii, there is a picture of a Samoan man performing what is called a hoop dance. This is an unusual sight, as the hoop dance originates from the Navajo Native American tribe. How did a Samoan learn this dance, and why is it preserved in the archives?

The story begins in Utah. A young Arrow of Light recipient named B.J. Rowley—graduated from BYUH in 1975—learned that his Chapter of the Arrow of Light program sponsored a well-known dance troop. He became involved with the troop and learned about the hoop dance.

"The hoop dance originated with the Navajo Indians, but they only used 10 or 12 hoops," explained Rowley, "made of willows or other branches. Our leader, Alma Banks, discovered that if we made them with the heavy, 3/8" Vietnamese reeds, they were much more flexible and durable. So we expanded to 22. Actually, at one time, we were doing as many as 26 or 28, but it was too many. By the time I joined the team, they had really settled on 22, and the '22-hoop dance' became very well-known."

So how did the hoop dance arrive in Hawaii? The best answer is from Joe Ahuna a local lawyer in Hawaii.

"In 1971, Randy Boothe was asked to direct showcase CCH [Church College of Hawaii]," said Ahuna. "He brought a hoop dancer, B.J. Rowley, with him to be part of the show...When I was in showcase, I learned and did the Samoan fireknife dance. B.J. wanted to learn the fireknife dance so we exchanged talents - I taught him the fireknife dance and he taught me the hoop dance."

Rowley is now an author and lives in Utah. Joe Ahuna is still in Hawaii and still does the Hoop dance with his family.

"I received the biggest benefit from learning the hoop dance," said Ahuna. "I have been able to travel around the world because of the fireknife and hoop dances. I have performed and traveled, since 1974 to the present, to Japan, Phillipines, Taiwan, Korea, Johnston Island, Romania, Bulgaria, Poland, Soviet Union, Mainland China (I was with the first group to these communist countries), Norway, Denmark Sweden, England, France, Spain, Germany, Czech

Republic, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Hong Kong, and Puerto Rico. I have also performed these dances with my family at the 2001 National [Scouting] Jamboree, 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and the 2002 World Cup in Korea. We also performed at Tokyo Disney and Epcot Center. This past summer, we performed as a family where my sons now do the fireknife and hoop dances at LDS historical sites in Nauvoo, Illinois, and [the] Independence Area in Missouri. The Scouting Magazine wrote a cool article about how I used my talents to travel around the world."

Showcase was a travelling show put on by students here on campus. They travelled the world, dancing and singing many different cultural dances. Showcase has been put on a permanent hold for financial reasons.

"Showcase truly showed the multicultural uniqueness of BYU-Hawaii," says Ahuna.

KEITH BORGHOLTHAUS





*Polynesian Sailing Canoe floats across island bays. Photo courtesy of Google*

## Follow the Stars: Celestial Navigation

For hundreds of years people of the Polynesian Islands have traversed thousands of miles by canoe using the sun, moon and stars to guide them. Pius Mau Piailug of the Micronesian island of Satawal is known as the “the last navigator.” His dying methods were resurrected with the voyage on the canoe Hokulea.

According to the Polynesian voyaging society website, “He guided the canoe on a 2300 mile voyage to Tahiti in 1976, the first voyage in over 600 years navigated without instruments on this ancestral Polynesian sea route.”

Mau’s successful navigation and journey instilled “pride in the Hawaiian and Polynesian culture and a renaissance of voyaging, canoe building, and non-instrument navigation that has continued to grow, spreading across Polynesia and reaching to its far corners of Aotearoa and Rapanui,” according to the Polynesian voyaging society.

One such result of this renaissance is Laie’s Iosepa. First launched November 3, 2001, this nine-and-a-half ton, double-hulled canoe was built traditionally with no modern instruments or plans.

Kawika Eskaran, Master Carver and Hawaiian studies professor, said that most voyaging canoes in Hawaii take two to three years to build. “It took us eight months,” he said.

Aside from the craftsmanship of the canoe, the navigator is an essential part in arriving safely to distant islands.

According to master Navigator and student to Mau, Nainoa Thompson, “He [Mau] was picked by his grandfather, the master navigator for his people, taken to the tide pools at different parts of the island to sit in the water and sense the subtle changes in the water’s movements, to feel the wind, to connect himself to that ocean world at a young age. His grandfather took him out to sail with him at age four.”

Thompson said of his teacher, “Mau can unlock the signs of the ocean world and can feel his way through the ocean. Mau is so powerful. The first time Mau was in Hawaii, I was in awe of him—I would just watch him and didn’t dare to ask him questions. One night, when we were in Snug Harbor, someone asked him where the Southern Cross was. Mau, without turning around or moving his head, pointed in the direction of a brightly lit street lamp. I was curious and checked it. I ran around the street light and there, just where Mau had pointed, was the Southern Cross. It’s like magic; Mau knows where something is without seeing it.”

He has since passed on the skills of celestial navigation to students all over Hawaii to preserve the ancient knowledge and

traditions. According to the film, Mau taught his own sons and many others to navigate without the aid of modern technology.

Like Mau and other canoe voyagers, BYUH students have had the opportunity of experiencing this ancient method of sailing. In the spring of 2008, students in the Hawaiian studies program had the opportunity to sail on the Iosepa. Master Carver and co captain Kawika said of the experience, “No book will teach you what we teach. The only way to learn it is to sail on [Iosepa]. Not for just a day but for a journey.” He continued, “On the canoe, we fast as a crew. We depend heavily on our Father in Heaven, and on each other. Not many courses can teach what we teach.”

Students learn how to sail doing practice day trips around Oahu. By the end of the semester students are able to make it to the Big Island.

Jared Medeiros, senior in history (Hawaiian studies minor) from Oahu, said, “I never dreamed that I would sail on [Iosepa]. When the opportunity came I had a really strong feeling to go and do it. I always thought the opportunity wasn’t for me but for other people.”

According to the students the voyage wasn’t easy. They were faced with storms, cold, delays and sailing on a canoe without the luxuries of modern living. Students would spend six hours working, raising sails and following captain’s orders and then spend the next six hours “off” either sleeping or eating. “The hardest part,” said Medeiros, “is pushing yourself where you don’t think you can go anymore and somehow you find the inner-strength to continue. It changes the way you look at things when you’re out on the ocean. You realize the sacrifices our ancestors made. They knew how to rely on their Heavenly Father, that’s what I learned. It was a real spiritual journey.”

TRISTEN LEACH





*President Thomas S. Monson delivers a taped video address at the Hawaii Regional Conference on Nov. 22  
Photo by Ryan Bogley*

## President Monson speaks at Regional Conference

With high expectations, BYU-Hawaii students and community members waited in line early Sunday morning to get a seat at the Hawaii Regional Conference. Held at the Cannon Activities Center on the BYUH campus Nov. 22, it was also broadcast by satellite to stake centers throughout Hawaii. There are more than 68,000 members of the church throughout the state.

Elder L. Tom Perry of the Quorum of the 12 Apostles presided over the two-hour meeting. President Thomas S. Monson had been expected to attend, but remained in Salt Lake after his wife was hospitalized for the effects of a fall.

The chance to see Elder Perry and hear remarks by leaders prepared for this region was especially meaningful to members of the church who live so far from Salt Lake City, where the majority of church officials live. "I felt like my time was very well spent," said Catharine DeLong, a freshman in international business management from Washington. "I loved seeing Elder Perry in the flesh. He had such a good personality and I'm glad he made the trek out here."

Elder Richard J. Maynes of the Quorum of the Seventy, Elder Scott D. Whitling of the North America West Area Seventy, Brother David M. McConkie of the Sunday School General Presidency and his wife, Sister JoAnne McConkie, also spoke.

President Thomas S. Monson, in a taped message that was played at the conference, said, "How I wish Sister Monson and I could be there with you to extend our love to you in person and to partake of your spirit." In his address, he spoke about the 77th Infantry Division in World War I, which came to be known as the "lost battalion" because of their refusal to surrender and resulting total isolation. "Men volunteered more readily, fought more gallantly, and died more bravely," he said.

Likewise, there are "lost battalions" today, said President Monson. These lost battalions include the aged, the sick, the widowed, the handicapped, and those less active in church worship. President Monson urged members to reach out to these people, to extend help and show love. "Extend them the hand that helps and the heart that knows

compassion," he said. "By doing so we will bring joy into their hearts. We ourselves will experience the rich satisfaction which comes to us when we help another along the pathway to eternal life."

Elder Perry also used a historical events to illustrate gospel principles. "This Thanksgiving Day ... follow the counsel given to us by President George Washington as he established this day of national celebration," said Elder Perry. "To, first, make some course corrections in our lives to bring us in harmony with His eternal gospel teachings; second, share our knowledge of the message of the restored gospel; third, remember to give sincere thanks for the Lord's bounteous blessing to His faithful children."

Elder Perry urged Latter-day Saints to ask the Lord for forgiveness, share their witness of the Lord, promote virtue and to be thankful for the many generous blessings the Lord has bestowed.

For an extended report on the conference, and on these and other talks, visit [kealakai.byuh.edu](http://kealakai.byuh.edu).

—NICOLE HAMILTON



## Priesthood listens to a prophet's voice

Priesthood brethren from all around Oahu and beyond gathered Saturday morning, Nov. 21 at the Cannon Activities Center to receive instruction from prophets and apostles. The theme of the Regional Priesthood Leadership Meeting was rescue—rescuing those who have become less-active in the church as well as those who have not yet accepted the gospel.

Elder L. Tom Perry, of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, presided over the meeting, giving instruction on how brethren in various leadership positions can rescue those in their stewardship. Thomas S. Monson, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, addressed those in attendance via satellite, giving instruction and sharing several stories of people who had been rescued and brought back into the gospel fold.

President Monson had originally planned on attending the Regional Conference in person, but an injury sustained by his wife, Frances, earlier in the week precluded him from coming. Elder Perry described a meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, in which President Monson said to him, “Tom, I’m not going to Hawaii.” President Monson explained his first responsibility was to his wife and family, and he needed to attend to them.

A highlight of the meeting was a 180-voice men’s choir made up of brethren from BYU-Hawaii and the Laie community. They performed two hymns arranged and accompanied by BYUH alumnus Timothy “Cooper” Johnson: “How Great Thou Art” and “Beautiful Savior.” Denzil Kumar, a senior majoring in vocal studies from Fiji,

directed the choir. He described an exchange he had with Elder Perry prior to the meeting. With his arm around Kumar, Elder Perry stated, “Music is the most important part of the meeting today. It’s all up to you.”

Kumar said the choir received “most important blessings from the Lord” that allowed Elder Perry’s request to be satisfied. Choir member Carlton Taylor, senior majoring in biochemistry from Utah, echoed that sentiment, stating the choir “could feel the Spirit as [we] sang about our Savior.”

In Elder Perry’s address, he expressed the need for priesthood leaders in Hawaii to put forth their best efforts in bringing people to the church. “Let’s have a glorious year,” exhorted Elder Perry, “in bringing in more converts than we ever have before.” Elder Perry compared the church to a football team and the priesthood leaders as coaches and staff. He explained every leader has a role to play on the team, and everyone needs to work together to make it a success. He encouraged the brethren to fulfill their duty with enthusiasm and consistent effort.

President Monson also spoke on the theme of rescuing those who are, as he termed, “wander[ing] in the wilderness of wonder or the swamp on sin.” He counseled the brethren to remember the worth of souls and to never give up on those who are struggling with activity in the church.

He also counseled priesthood leaders to remember and attend to the needs of military servicemen and their families in their callings.

President Monson stressed the importance of doing, not just hearing. “It’s

in doing,” President Monson stated, “not just training, that souls are saved.”

Students said they were appreciative of the counsel they received at the meeting. Mark Barcera, senior in accounting from Guam, received inspiration as to how he could more effectively fulfill his calling as Ward Mission Leader. In referring to the counsel given by the various leaders in attendance, Barcera said, “It wasn’t as much what they taught, but the spirit they brought.”

In addition to President Monson and Elder Perry, other speakers included David M. McConkie, first counselor in the Sunday School General Presidency, Elder Scott D. Whiting, an Area Seventy, and President Stephen N. Peterson of the Hawaii Honolulu Mission. The meeting was broadcast via satellite to stake centers throughout the islands.

BYRON GELDER



*Elder L. Tom Perry speaks in Laie during the recent conference  
Photo by Ryan Bagley*



## SEASON STARTS STRONG

The No. 1 in the nation BYU-Hawaii men's basketball team ran over the visiting Oakland City University Mighty Oaks with a score of 102-67 on Saturday, Nov. 28.

The Seasideers benefited from a 31-3 run in the first half and never looked back. BYUH is now 2-0 for the season following a much closer 85-78 win just two nights before versus the same team.

In the first half, the Seasideers came out furious with tight defensive pressure up and down the floor, taking the early lead. BYUH forced Oakland City into making 17 turnovers in 11 minutes as a result of their excellent defense. The Seasideers also shot well, finishing the first half 50-23 with a field goal percentage of 58.

In the second half Coach Ken Wagner used a lot of reserves that hadn't earned

playing time in the previous games. The change didn't alter the rhythm of the game, and the new players that were put in the game showed zeal and fought on every play.

The Seasideers are ranked number one in the nation for the second straight week with all eight first place votes for a perfect 200 points.

Despite missing Lucas Alves, the top scorer on last year's team, the Seasideers aren't lacking any scoring ability. Jet Chang scored 26 points in only 25 minutes playing. A.J. Reilly added 18 points off the bench and tallied a game-high seven assists. Junior Marques Whippy showed again his versatility by scoring 15 points, pulling down seven rebounds, dishing out five assists and adding five steals.

-VIKTOR BEZHANI



Junior Marques Whippy in action during the Saturday night game against Oakland City. Photo by Ryan Bagley



## LADIES DEFEAT RIVAL UH-HILO

Thanksgiving weekend went out with a bang as the Hawaii DII Tournament took place here at BYU-Hawaii. The Lady Seasideers started off the tournament with a big "W," overtaking UH-Hilo 68-59.

While the Seasideers shooting percentage was just 37 percent in the first half, the ladies fought hard raising it to 51.5 percent after halftime. The improvement was just what it took to conquer the Vulcans for the nine-point win.

Some leading contributors to the team's performance in the second half never even touched the court until after halftime.

One leading lady, sophomore Lindsey Sundin, came off the bench to score 13 points. Similarly, Kristen Hartley helped the Seasideers earn an eleven-point lead by pulling down 11 rebounds and contributing six points and three assists for the Lady Seasideers. Mahina Gago and Felisita Ika scored nine points apiece for BYUH and Gago also added seven rebounds and four steals. Dara Tompkinson tallied up six assists to go with seven points and three steals. Madison Kite and Richelle Fenenbock each scored six points as well.

For more information, please visit the Ke Alakai website at [kealakai.byuh.edu](http://kealakai.byuh.edu).

Dara Tompkinson from Punahou cuts across her Hilo opponent Photo by Ryan Bagley

ASHLEN QUIRANTE